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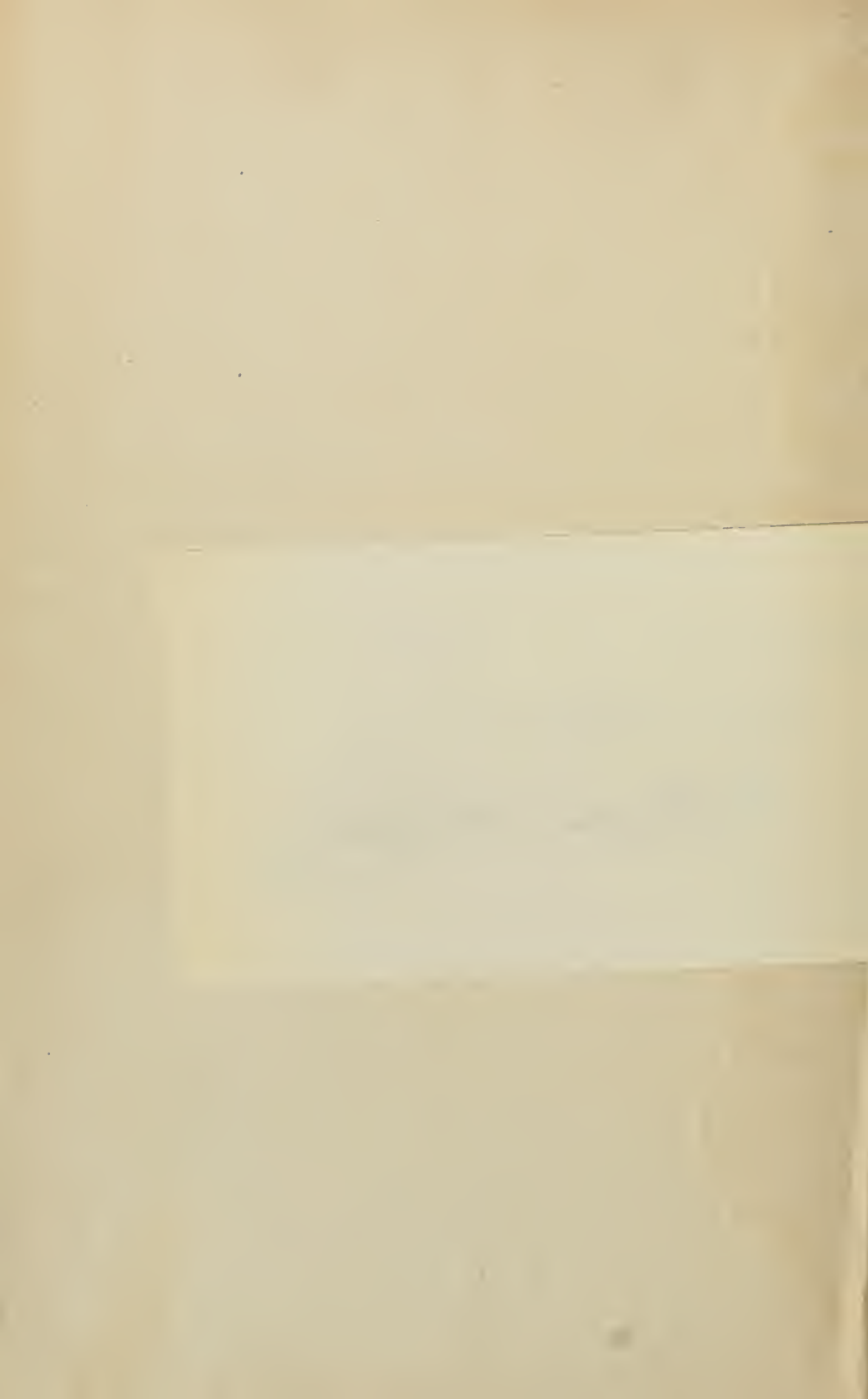
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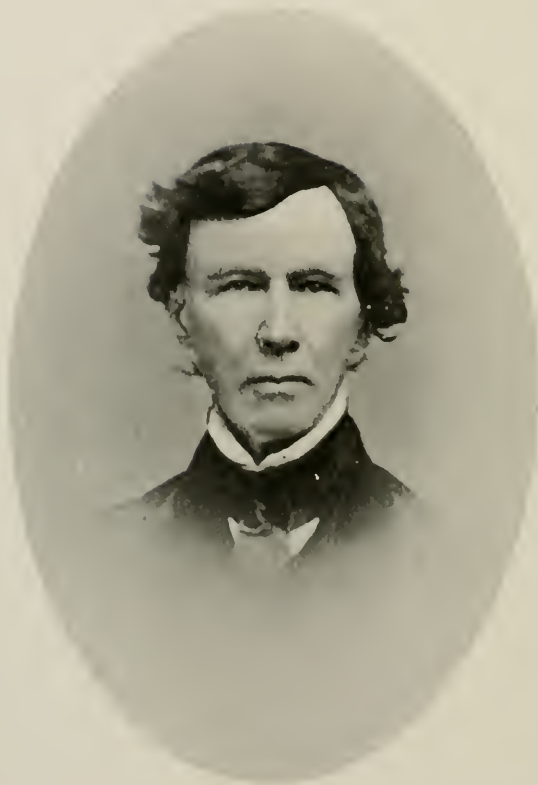


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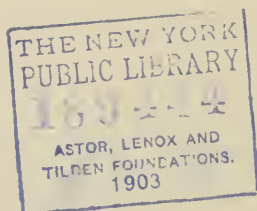
OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

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WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

FITCHBURG

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
1902



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FITCHBURG

CITY OF FITCHBURG.

March 4, 1902.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred petition No. 173, asking for a continuance of the publication of the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, report that they recommend the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of copying and printing the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, the above to be done under the direction of the City Clerk; and sum to be charged to incidental account.

(Signed)

CHARLES A. BABBITT,	} Committee on Finance.
CHARLES B. SMITH,	
JOHN LEIPER,	
F. C. NICHOLS,	
CHARLES W. BURNELL,	

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 4, 1902.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk*.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 4, 1902.

Read, accepted, and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk*.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 5, 1902.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 5, 1902.

Approved.

CHARLES A. BABBITT, *Mayor*.

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk*.

INTRODUCTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

November 24, 1902.

This volume contains an exact transcript of pages 271 to 559, inclusive, of Book III. of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, Mass., which includes the town meetings and selectmen's records, beginning February 14, 1810, and continuing to October 31, 1829. With this volume we present a portrait of Rev. Rufus A. Putnam, pastor of the Calvinistic Congregational church from 1824 to 1831. The printer's copy has been prepared by Miss Bessie J. Davis. The work of printing has been done by the Sentinel Printing Company, and the index has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt.

The same general method has been used in this volume as in former volumes with reference to paging, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets representing the paging in the original book.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

FITCHBURG, November 24, 1902.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 271 and ending with page 559 in Book III., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging and explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter A. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "City Clerk."

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*

THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURG
FROM BOOK III.

[271] Worcester fs—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . . Greeting
(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
(L S) town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
(L S) meet and assemble at the towns Meeting house on
(L S) Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o'clock A. M. and when met to act on the following articles, (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To choose a Town clerk, Town treasurer, Selectmen and all other Town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors as the Town may think proper

3^d To see what sum or sums of Money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing

4 To see what sum or sums of Money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to pay the necessary charges of the town the year ensuing

6 To see if the town will choose a Saxton to take care of their burying ground or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

7 To see if the town will choose a committee to settle with their Town Treasurer

8 To see if the town will accept of any roads that have been laid out by the Selectmen or their order or discontinue any road that may become necessary

9 To see if the Town will afford any assistance towards making the new road from the meeting house to Samuel Phelps exclusive of the high way Tax or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

10. To see if the town will give a bounty on crows the year ensuing or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

11 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper

12 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law the present year

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said and time above mentioned—Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of February AD 1810

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah Macintire	
Joseph Downe J	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs Fitchburg March 5. 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox one of the Constables of Fitchburg

[272] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Assembled on Monday 5th March 1810

Voted and chose William Cunningham Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{Sworn} Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds ^{Sworn} . Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, ^{Sworn} John Willard, ^{Sworn} Joseph Downe Jr ^{Sworn} and Elijah McIntire ^{Sworn} & John Farwell ^{Sworn} selectmen the present year

Voted that the three first selectmen ^{Sworn} be afsefsors the present year

Voted that the selectmen be overfeers of the poor

Voted & chose David Bontell, ^{Sworn} Seth Phillips, ^{Sworn} James Cowdin, ^{Sworn} William Cunningham, ^{Sworn} Abraham Willard, ^{Sworn} Abiel Holt, ^{Sworn} William Calten, ^{Sworn} Jacob Jaquith, ^{Sworn} Levi Farwell, ^{Sworn} Syl P. Flint, ^{Sworn} Zacheus Shelden, Simon Marshall, Elias Mefsender, Samuel Taylor, ^{Sworn} Joel Page, ^{Sworn} Thomas Carter, ^{Sworn} William Downe ^{Sworn} Dea. Eben^r Thurston ^{Sworn}

. . . . Highway Surveyors

Voted that the highway surveyors pay per hour, cart plow oxen &c the same as last year

Voted & chose Daniel Holt, ^{Sworn} Jonathan Lowe Jr, Israel Wetherbee, Martin Newton, ^{Sworn} Ephraim Hartwell J, James Steward, Nathan Bennett, ^{Sworn} William Hill, Samuel French J, Geo. Wood Jr ^{Sworn} & Benj Tilden ^{Sworn}

. . . . Hogreves

Voted & chose John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe J

. . . . Cullers of hoops & staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simonds

. . . . sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Jacob Gibson

. . . . Fire wards

Voted & chose Joshua Phillips & Elnathan Polley

. . . . Field Drivers

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton Jr . . Pound Keeper

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Benj^a Fullar

. . . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard & Verin Daniels

. . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, Simon Marshall & Seth Phillips Fence Viewers

Voted to let out the collectorship at I & S. Putnams at three oclock P M.

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to let out the collectorship

Voted to adjourn for one hour & the town met according to adjournment

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to support the roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to raise six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of schools the present year, 600\$ to be destributed the same as last year & 40\$ to be destributed by the school committee men

Voted to raise sixty Dollars in addition to the six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of schools

Voted that the school committeemen destribute the sixty Dollars among the destriets as they think best . .

[273] Voted to reconsider the last vote

Voted that the forty Dollars and sixty Dollars additional raised for the support of schools be distributed among the destriets according to the direction of the Selectmen

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall J, Marshall Hastings, Levi Farwell, Timothy F. Downe, David Pratt, Jabez Sawyer, Amos Shelden, John Willard, Thomas Thurston, Warren Chase, Phinehas Wetherbee School Committeemen

Voted to choose a committee to inspect the schools the year insuing

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Rev^d Mr Bascom, Rev^d Mr Barton, William Cunningham Doct P. Snow, & Leonard Burbank for the above committee

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the Warrant untill the adjournment.

Voted & chose Levi Davis and William Calten Saxons the year ensuing

Voted to choose a committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esqr David Boutell, & Dea. John Thurston

Voted to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen from the road between Samuel Phelps & Jacob Jaquiths to the meeting house

Voted to discontinue all the parts of the road which was laid out in March 1805 which is not included in the new road, which new road is as follows viz

The following is a discreption of a road laid out by the Subscribers (viz)

*New road laid out & accepted from Meeting house to Sam^l Phelps

Beginning one rod west of a white oak tree on the road between Sam^l Phelps and Jacob Jaquiths and runs south 21^d west, sixty five rods, to stake and stones, thence south 18^d west, ten rods to a stake & stones, thence south 14^d west, eight rods to stake & stones, thence south 18½^d west seventeen rods, to a stake & stones, thence west, 16^d south four rods acrofs^t the river, thence south 48^d west, twenty four rods, to pine stump, thence west 27^d south ten rods to a stake & stones, thence west 26^d south nineteen rods, to a stake & stones, thence south thirty Eight^d west eighteen rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 15^d west ninety rods to chesnutt tree, thence south 24½^d west, fifty eight rods to a stake and stones, thence south 33½^d west, thirty rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 17^d west, twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence south 7½^d west twenty-five & ½ rods, to a stake & stones, thence south 18^d west eight rods, to stake & stones, thence west, 35^d south eighteen rods to the town road near the Rev^d M^r Bartons

The above described road was laid out & accepted by the town in the year 1805—but there appearing to be a mistake in the minutes as they stood on record; it was thought best to lay it out again, all which is submitted to the town

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Down J		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

Fitchburg February 14. 1810

*Annotation on the margin.

[274] Voted to choose a Committee to examine the road lately laid out by the Selectmen near Nathaniel Boughtells to the meeting house & report at a future meeting whether an alteration is necessary

Voted that the selectmen be the above committee.

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the warrant so far as relates to the road from, Thomas Cowdins to Westminster line

Voted to raise one hundred Dollars to be laid out by a committee on the above road laid out and accepted near Nat Boughtells

Voted that the committee consist of Three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, Joseph Richardson & Amos Lawrence for the above committee

Voted to give twenty five cents as bounty on crows which are killed in the limits of the town

Voted to pass over the 12 article in warrant.

Voted to leave the care of the poor to the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

William Cunningham Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

We the subscribers have thought best to let out the poor of the Town of Fitchburg at vendue & put up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder & the person who bids him off is to have pay as long as he keeps him, & bid off to Josiah Brown at thirty cents per week . \$0:30

Set up Samuel French & bid off to Israel Turner Esq^r he is to pay the town thirty Seven cents per week . \$0.37—

Set up Mary Wares & bid off to Benja Fullar he is to have sixty cents per week the town is to pay all doctring & clothes \$0.60

Set up Rebeckah Smith, the person who takes her is to have pay as long as he keeps her & bid off to Samuel Taylor at two cents per week

March 5 — 1810

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
John Farwell	
Joseph Downe J	

We the subscribers a committee chosen by the town to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred Dollars have attended to the business & let out the south side of the town to Elnathan Polley @ \$1:90
 let out the north side of the town to Elnathan Polley @ 1:95

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 Joseph Downe J }
 John Farwell }

Fitchburg March 5. 1810

[275] On the second Day of April 1810 being the first Monday in said Month the town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the Committee who were chosen to let out the collectorship

Voted & chose Elnathan Polley collector for the present year

Voted & chose Elnathan Polley & John Willard Constables the year ensuing

Voted to excuse J. Willard & chose Samuel Putnam in his room

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to settle with the town Treasurer which is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 8. 1810

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to settle with the town Treasurer have attended to the business and make the following report (viz)

We find in the Treasurers hands a note signed by Ephraim Kimball dated 30 Jan^y 1800 on Interest \$100:00

There is due on this note three years Interest on y^e 30 Jan^y 1800

We also find in the treasurers hands a note signed by John Goodride dated Dec^r 7th 1808 on Interest for 7:01

We also find in the treasurers hands a writing Joseph Fox gave the treasurer for two notes Ezra Dana owed the town which writing is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 1: 1808 Reed of Joseph Simonds Treasurer for the town of Fitchburg two notes of hand in favor of Eben^r Thurston town treasurer dated Nov^r 30. 1798—One note for the sum of \$19:00 payable in one year from date with Interest Dec^r 13: 1800 there is indorsed on the above described note fifteen Dollars & fifty cents in part—The other note for the sum of nineteen Dollars payable in two years, from date with Interest—the subscriber takes the above described notes to do his endeavour to collect upon the following condition (viz)

The subscriber engages that the town of Fitchburg shall be at no expence in consequence of his taking the above described notes—And the subscriber engages to pay to the said Joseph Simonds or his successor in said office of Treasurer for the town of Fitchburg the one half of what he shall collect of said Dana for the two above mentioned notes, or return said notes when requested extraordinary causilities excepted, signed by Joseph Fox and witnessed by Peter Snow & John Thurston.

We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house \$67.83

We find due, in the hands of Abijah Goodridge collector for the year 1808 65.78

We also find in the hands of Abiel Holt collector for the year 1809931:30

We find that the Treasurer has paid out over & above what he has rec'd 2:54

We have settled with the treasurer and allowed him twelve Dollars for his services as Treasurer in full to this day and have likewise allowed him \$1:80 for the depretiation of twenty [276] two Dollars of Bank bills he received of the Collectors, viz, Northhampton bank and some Eastward bank which he says he allowed when he paid them away

Joseph Fox }
David Boutell } Committee
John Thurston }

Joseph Simonds T. Treasurer . . .

\$600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting an alteration near Nathaniel Bontells in a new road as follows (viz)

*Road by School House No 1.

The following is a description of an alteration in the new road leading from Samuel Phelps to the Meeting house as laid out by the Subscribers—(viz) beginning at a stake and stones a little north of Mr Nathaniel Boughtells barn nearly on the line, between said Boughtell land and land belonging to the heirs of Mr Joseph Low and runs south 7^d west thirty three rods and nine links, to a stake and stones on the line between said Boughtell land and land belonging to the heirs of Cap^t W^m Brown, thence south 9^d and thirty minutes west 17 rods to a stake & stones, thence south 25^d west sixteen rods to a stake & stones on the Towns road a little north of the Meeting house, said road is laid out two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the westerdly Side of said road, the two last mentioned points is partly on land of the Rev^d Mr Bascomb; and partly on land belonging to the heirs of Cap^t William Brown. We have estimated the damage to the Rev^d Mr Bascom. in consequence of said road at twenty five Dollars, [25\$] and the damages to the heirs of Cap^t William Brown at twenty three Dollars, [23\$] All of which is submitted to the town

Fitchburg March 29. 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe J		
John Farwell		

Voted not to accept the alteration in the road near Thos Cowdins to Westminster

Voted that the Town Treasurer pay the bounty on crows

Voted to Defsolve this meeting

W^m Cunningham J Mod^r
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[277] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

*Annotation on the margin.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the Towns meeting house on Monday the second day of April next at three o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of March 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe		
Elijah McIntire		

Worcester ss Fitchburg April 2^d 1810.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg being twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified by the constitution to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox one of the Constables
of the Town of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, holden on the second day of April, being the first monday in said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & ten, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut Governor of said Commonwealth—Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration, thereof made as by the Constitution is directed (viz)

For Governor	}	His Excel. Christopher Gore Esq ^r	103
		Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq ^r	130
		Hon W ^m Gray	1
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For Leu ^t Governor	}	Hon. David Cobb Esq ^r	104
		Hon W ^m Gray	126
		Jacob Willard	1
		Joseph B. Varnum	1
		Hon Elbridge Gerry	1
Attest—		John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
		John Willard	
		Joseph Downe J	
		John Farwell	
		Elijah M ^c intire	
Attest		Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the Second day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord 1810 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counsellors of the Destriect of the County of Worcester Votes for for the following persons were given in Sorted Counted and record & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, to Wit

For	{	Hon Elijah Brigham	103
		Hon Jonas Kendall	103
		Seth Hastings Esq ^r	101
		Francis Blake Esq ^r	101
		Salem Town	2
		Thomas Hale	2
For	{	Pliny Merrick	126
		Moses White	126
		Edward Bangs	126
		Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r	126
Attest		John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
		John Willard	
		Joseph Downe J	
		Elijah McIntire	
		John Farwell	
Attest		Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

Worcester fs To Either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county Greeting

(L S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify &
 (L S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at one o'clock P. M. and when met to act on the following articles. (viz)

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will raise any sum of money for the purpose of repairing or rebuilding the bridge near where Mr Phinehas Allen now lives or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [279] doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned — Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this 23^d day of April 1810

John Thurston } Selectmen
 John Farwell } of
 Elijah McIntire } Fitchburg

Worcester fs by virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to appear at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg may 7. 1810. Elnathan Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7th May 1810

Voted & chose W^m Cunningham Moderator
 *\$300 to build the bridge

Voted to choose a Committee to rebuild or repair the bridge near where Phinehas Allen now lives as they may think proper.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

*Annotation on the margin.

Voted & chose John Thurston, John Willard, Verin Daniels, Jacob Stickney, Jonas Marshall Junr

Voted to raise three hundred Dollars for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this Meeting

W. Cunningham Modr

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to
(L S) summons & notify the freeholders & other inhabi-
(L S) tants of said town qualified by law to vote in
(L S) town meetings, to afsemble at the towns Meeting
(L S) house on Monday 7th day of May next at 2
oclock P. M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to purchase an engine for the benefit of said town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town

3 To see if the town will make up the los of the foldiers Caps which were burnt in James Stewards Shop

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg 20th April 1810

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day & time above mentioned

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah Mcintire	
Joseph Downe J	
John Farwell	}

[280] Worcester fs — Fitchburg May 7. 1810

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants to appear at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Elnathan Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7th May 1810

Voted & chose John Thurston Moderator

Voted to raise forty four Dollars for the purpose of releaving the Soldiers who sustained the losfs by fire in James Stewards shop

Voted to Choose a Committee to furnish the Caps for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, Joseph Farwell & Oliver Fox

Voted to difsolve this Meeting

John Thurston Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
(L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
(L S) for the space of one year next preceeding having a
(L S) freehold estate within said town of the annual
income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of
sixty pounds, to meet at the towns meetinghouse on
Monday seventh day of may next at three 'clock in the
afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Rep-
resentatives to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last
Wednefsday of may next.

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg the
tenth day of April 1810

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
day and time above mentioned

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Down J	
Elijah Mcintire	
John Farwell	

[281] Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant
I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said
town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time &
place within mentioned Samuel Putnam Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7. May 1810

The meeting opned by the selectmen

Motioned & seconed not to send a Representative the
present year being put pasd in the negative

Voted to send by one representative the present year

Voted & chose Titus T. Barton to represent them in
the General court the year ensuing

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah Mcintire		
Joseph Downe Jr		
John Farwell	}	
Oliver Fox		Town Clerk

Rev'd T. T. Barton Declined serving May 14. 1810

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Consta-
bles of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L. S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify &
(L. S) warn the male inhabitants living in the south side
(L. S) of said town, by verbal notice, being twenty one
years of age & resident in said Town for the space
of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate with-
in s'd town of the annual income of three pounds, or any
estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns
meeting house on Friday the eighteenth day of this in-
stant may at three o'clock in the afternoon for the pur-
pose of choosing one or more representatives to represent
them at the General Court appointed to be convened and
held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doing thereon to some one of us on or before said
day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of May 1810 .

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah McIntire		
John Farwell		

Worcester fs Fitchburg May 17. 1810. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants living on the south side of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentiond

Saml Putnam Const.

[282] Worcester fs To Elnathan Polley one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town living on
 (L S) the north side, by verbal notice being twenty one
 (L S) years of age & resident in said town for the space
 of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of ten Dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars to meet at the towns Meeting house on Friday the Eighteenth day of May instant at Three o'clock P M. for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mention'd

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of May AD. 1810

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah McIntier		
John Farwell		

Worcester fs May 18 1810

By virtue of this warrant I have verbally notified all

the inhabitants living on the north side of the great road qualified by law to vote for representatives to appear at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Eln. Polley Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Friday May 18. 1810

Motioned & seconded to send two representatives the present year & passed in negative.

Motioned & seconded to accept the report of Mr Barton not to serve as a representative & passed in the affirmative

Motioned & seconded to send one representative & passed in the affirmative

Motioned & seconded to add one more & passed in the negative

Votes be in call^d & declared no vote

Motioned & seconded to reconsider the vote for sending a representative & passed in negative

Votes being call^d as before for Sam^l Gibson 93. John Thurston 72 seating 34 & Declared no vote

Motioned to reconsider the vote for sending passed in affirmative

Motioned & seconded to Dissolve the meeting & passed in negative

Motioned & second^d to send two representatives & passed in the affirmative

[283] Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee & Abraham Willard to represent them in the general Court the present year

Motioned & seconded to Dissolve this meeting & it is accordingly Dissolved

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
John Farwell		
Elijah McIntire		
Oliver Fox		Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Elnathan Polley one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts, to summon and
 (L S) notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 town qualified by law to vote in town meetings
 (Viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the poll or
 polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax to
 afsemble at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the
 twenty first day of August Instant, at three o'clock P.
 M. to act on the following articles, (Viz)

1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

2 To see what order the town will take on a cita-
 tion from the court of common pleas on a petition from
 the Rev^d W^m Bascom & L^t W^m Brown respecting a road
 laid out through their land, by order of the town or act
 any thing thereon

3 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid
 out by the selectmen or their order

4 To see if the town will excuse Elnathan Polley
 from serving as a collector of taxes the present year and
 accept of John Willard in his stead or act any thing thereon

5 To see if the town will raise a sum of to be laid
 out on levining the common or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant
 with our doings thereon to some one of us on or before
 said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands & seals this sixth day of Au-
 gust AD 1810

John Willard	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jur ^r	
Elijah McIntire	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs Aug^t 21 1810.

By virtue of this warrant I have summoned & noti-
 fied the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law
 to vote in town meeting, to meet at the time and place
 & for the purpos within mentioned

Eln. Polley. Constable

[284] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
 town of Fitchburg afsembled on tuesday August 21. 1810

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esq^r Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Rev^d W^m Bascom & L^t W^m Brown respecting the damages done their land in a new road laid out and accepted by the town in April last, to view the primises and report immediately the result of their conference & their opinion

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson, and Paul Wetherbee, Cap^t Aaron Wheeler, Jacob Gibson, and Jonas Marshall J for the above committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour

The town met according to adjournment

That Leut W^m Brown proposes to have the town build him 33 rods of Wall, or give him that number of Dollars. He will take towards the 33 Doll^r the road lately laid out near Rev^d M^r Bartons, at the price given by the town which was Eighteen Dollars and take the ballance in Money—15\$ and likewise have the expences he has been at in petitioning for a jury reimbursed. this proposal the Committee proposes to have accepted

Voted to accept the report of the committee so far as relates to L^t Brown and the town discontinue the road leading towards M^r Bartons House from the road lately laid out from the Meeting House to Sam^l Phelps and agree to pay L^t Brown [15\$] fifteen Dollars and the reimbursment of his expences in petitioning the court of C. Pleas. for a jury

Voted that the amount of damages for land taken up for a road of the Rev^d W^m Bascom be refered to the determination of three impartial persons, mutually chosen by the town and him The town to discharge the expences which have already arisen on his petitioning the Court of Common Pleas for a jury; but the Referees are to determine by whom the Expences which may further accrue shall be discharged

Voted to choose a Committee of three to conduct the subject in dispute with M^r Bascom to a termination according to the foregoing vote

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee, Dea Sam^l Gibson & Joseph Rihardson for the above purpose

Road

*Voted to accept of a two rod road laid out by the Selectmen Aug^t 18. 1810 as follows. Beginning at a spruce tree at the east end of Deacon K. Boutells wood house and runs north 36^d east twenty rods to a stake and stones, thence north 1^d west fourteen rods to a stake & stones, thence north 2^d east nine rods to a stake & stones, thence north 14^d East. thirty three rods to a stake & stones, thence north 4^d west eighteen rods to a stake & stones, thence north 9^d west eighty four rods to a stake & stones, thence north 25^d east, twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence north 35^d east. fourteen rods to a [285] stake and stones, thence north 44^d east thirty six rods to a stake & stones thence north 13½^d East forty four rods to a stake and stones thence north 12^d east seventy rods to a stake & stones thence north 40^d east ten rods to a stake & stones, thence north 32^d east twelve rods to a stake & stones, thence north 7^d west fourteen rods to a stake and stones, thence north 33^d east twenty rods to a stake & stones, thence north 20^d west nine rods to stake and stones, thence north 42^d east four rods to a stake & stones thence east 34^d north ten rods to a stake & stones thence north 30^d east thirty four rods to stake and stones thence North 8^d east ten rods to a stake & stones, thence north twelve rods, which brings it to the road that leads by Joseph Downe J the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road it is ixpeted the land will all be given to the town. All of which is submitted to the town

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Farwell	

Accepted by the town Aug^t 21 1810 and Joseph Downe J agreed in town meeting to give his land

road

The following is a description of an alteration in the road a little north of the towns Meeting house (Viz, beginning at a Stake and pillar of stones the east side of the road against land belonging to Leiu^t W^m Brown and

*Now known as Rollstone Road. [Annotation on the margin.]

runs north two degrees west a croft a corner of said Browns land nine rods to stake and stones, said alteration has been laid out by the subscribers and is submitted to the town. it is expected the land will be given upon condition that the town, or individuals build a stone wall agait said alteration.

John Thurston }
Joseph Down J } Selectmen
John Farwell }

Fitchburg August 18. 1810.

Voted to accept the above alteration & L^d Brown has agreed to give the land in open town Meeting & the town build the wall

road

The following is a description of an alteration in the road near Mr David Pratt (viz) beginning at a stake & stones near the stone wall a little east of said Pratts house the south side of the road, and runs east ten degrees and 30 minutes south sixty three rods to a stake and stones, the south side of the road it is expected the land will be given, the above alteration has been laid out by the Selectmen and is submitted to the town

John Thurston }
Joseph Downe J } Selectmen
John Farwell }

Fitchburg Aug^t 18. 1810

Voted to accept the above road & Mr Pratt has given the land in town meeting

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant for the present.

[286] Voted pafs over the fifth article in the warrant.

Voted to take up the fourth article in warrant.

Voted that the town accept of the resignation of Elnathan Polley as collector.

Voted to accept of John Willard as collector in room of Eln. Polly and take the same bondsmen that Polley had

Voted that Eln. Polley bondsman be discharged

Voted to difsolve this meeting

W. Cunningham Mod^r
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (L S) town qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings
 to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in said
 town on the Eighth day of october next at two oclock
 P. M. to act on the following articles, Viz

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2 To see if the Town will discontinue the proposed road from the other road near the Rev^d Mr Bartons house to the new established road that leads by Nathaniel Boughtells to the Meeting house or act any thing thereon

3 To see if the town will choose a Constable or Constables to fill the vacances in that office or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us, on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this 20th day of September AD 1810

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Joseph Downe J	

Fitchburg October 8 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Putnam Constable

[287] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday October 8, 1810

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson Moderator

Voted to discontinue the proposed road from the other road near the Rev^d Mr Bartons house to the new established road that leads by Nat^l Boughtells to the Meeting house.

Voted to choose one Constable to fill the vacancies

Voted & chose Oliver Fox

Voted to choose another constable

Voted & choose Lt W^m Brown

Voted to disolve this meeting & it was accordingly

Disolved

Joseph Richardson Moderator

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Putnam one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the

(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and

(L S) warn the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg

(L S) duly qualified to vote for representatives in the

General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) The male

inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of age

and resident in said town for the space of one year next

preceding having a freehold estate within said Town of

the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the

value of sixty pounds, To assemble at the meeting house

in said town on Monday the Eighth day of october next

at three oclock P. M. to give in their votes for a repre-

sentative of the people of said Commonwealth in the

Congress of the United States for the North Worcester

Descript

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this 20th day of Sep^t 1810

John Thurston }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Joseph Downe J }

Fitchburg October 8. 1810

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprefs^d to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Samuel Putnam Constable

[288] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts assembled on Monday October 8. AD 1810 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the Hon William Stedman Esq^r in the North Worcester District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to represent us in the Congress of the United States. The town being assembled the votes call for, brought in sorted Counted and declaration made of the persons voted for & was as follows (viz)

For Timothy Whiting Esq^r Forty Eight

Abijah Bigelow Esq^r Leominster Fifty Seven

Attest—

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Down J	
Elijah Mcintier	
John Farwell	

Attest

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg
 (L S) duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the
 (L S) General Court of said Commonwealth (viz) the

male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to assemble at the Towns Meeting-house in said town on Monday the fifth day of November next at three oclock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester north District.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our

hands and Seals at Fitchburg this 22^d day of October
AD 1810

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr	
Elijah McIntier	
John Farwell	

[289] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time and place, and for the purpors within mentioned

Nov. 3. 1810.

William Brown Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden the fifth day of November being the first monday in said month AD 1810. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District. Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted and record, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed—To wit

For { Abijah Bigelow Esq^r of Leominster Fifty Six
 { Timothy Whiting Esq^r Fifty one

Attest	John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
	Joseph Downe J	
	Elijah McIntier	
	John Farwell	

Attest	Oliver Fox Town Clerk
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Division of School money for the year 1810 made by the Subscribers,

District No 1.	Jonas Marshall Jun ^r	\$178
	Marshall Hastings	45
	Levi Farwell	61
	Timo. F. Downes	53:50
	David Pratt	43
	Jabez Sawyer	44
	Amos Shelden	49

John Willard	52:50
Tho ^s Thurston	55
Warren Chase	77
Phinchas Wetherbee	42

\$700:00

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
John Farwell	
Joseph Downe	

True Coppy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[290] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town Qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting-house on Monday the twenty Eighth day of this Instant January at two o'clock P. M. and when met to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To take into consideration the expediency of Petitioning the General Court at their next session of a division of the County of Worcester agreeable to a request of one of the Committee appointed by the Convention and act any thing thereon the town may think proper

3 To see if the town will give the old bridge timber to M^r Jonathan Cummings

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of Jan^y AD 1811

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Jan^y 28. 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and

warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday Jan^y 28. 1811.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esq^r Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to draught a petition to the General Court, now in session, and report at the adjournment

Voted that the Committee consist of seven

Voted and chose Jacob Willard Esq^r Israel Turner Esq^r Doct^r Peter Snow, Joseph Fox Esq^r W^m Cunningham Esq^r Oliver Fox & Cap^t Edward Durant for the above committee

Voted To give M^r Jonathan Cummings the old bridge, timber

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour & then meet at Isaiah Putnams Hall—The Town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened—and the Committee reported

[291] Voted to accept the report of the committee.

Voted that the petition be presented to the Gen^l Court by the Moderator & Town Clerk

Voted to disolve this Meeting & it was accordingly disolved

W^m Cunningham Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said
(L S) town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to
(L S) meet and assemble at the towns Meeting-house in
(L S) said town on Monday the fourth day of March
next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To choose a Town Clerk Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors, the town may think proper.

3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise for schooling the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary charges of the town the year ensuing

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their town treasurer.

7 To see if the town will raise any sum of money towards providing an engine for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town or act any thing thereon

8 To see if the town will give a bounty on crows or act any thing thereon

9 To see if the town will make any alterations in any of the school districts or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the town will let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.

11 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing & act any thing thereon

12 To see if the town will choose sextons to take care of their burying ground

[292] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of February AD 1811.

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Farwell	
Elijah Mcintier	

Worcester fs Fitchburg March 4. 1811

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within Mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday March 4, 1811.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen.

Voted that the selectmen shall receive pay for all their services for the town except the liquidation of town accounts & lay their accounts before the town for their acceptance

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, John Willard, Joseph Downe Jur, Abraham Willard & Joseph Farwell Selectmen.

Voted that the three first Selectmen be a seffors the year ensuing

Voted that Isaiah Putnam, Jabez Sawyer, Phineas Allen Marshall Hastings, Joseph Boynton, Eph^m Gibson, Samuel Gibson Ju^r Jeremiah Kinsman Ju, Jon^a Lowe, Jacob Upton, Wm. Kilburn, John Kinsman, Jon^a Whitcomb, Abel Farwell, Sylvanus Lapum, Kendall Boutell Ju, Samuel Parker, W^m Bolton, highway surveyors. Allowance for man, cart, oxen &c the same as last year.

Voted & chose John Andrews, Jacob Willard, Eph^m Hartwell Jr Levi Farwell, Ruben Eaton, Luke Wetherbee, Nathan Andrews, [293] David Lowe, Zacheus Farwell J, Simon Marshall, Oliver W. Warren, Abraham Bullard, Daniel Hilton & Jonathan Wheeler hogreeves.

Voted & chose John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Jr
 Cullers of hoops & staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Jos Simonds
 Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Cap^t Joseph Farwell, Jonas Marshall J
& Cap^t Edward Durant Fire Wards.

Voted & chose James Steward & Jacob Gibson

. Field Drivers

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton Jr . . . Pound Keeper

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton J & Joshua Stickney,
. Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard & Dan^l Harrifs,

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Marshall Hastings, Isaiah Putnam and
Ephraim Kimball J^{Sworn} Fence viewers

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq^r Amos Pierce, Kendall
Boutell J, Eleazer Sartell, Joseph Downe Ju, Joshua Phil-
lips, Ruben Smith, Samuel Gibson Jr Micah Shattuck, John
Thurston, Jacob Gibson school committeemen

Voted that the school committee be enlarged

Voted that five be added to the committee

Voted & chose Doct^r Peter Snow, W^m Bascom, W^m
Cunningham Esq^r Jacob Willard Esq^r & Maj^r Leonard
Burbank for the above committee.

Voted & chose Levi Davis & W^m Caltern . Saxtons.

900 Voted to raise Nine hundred Dollars to repair
the highways and Bridges the year ensuing

640 Voted to raise Six hundred & forty Dollars for
the support of schools, the year ensuing, the forty Dollars
to be distributed by the Selectmen as they think most
proper.

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant till
the adjournment.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq^r David, Boutell, & Ed-
ward Durant a committee to settle with the town treasurer

Voted to pafs over the 7th article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the 8th article in the warrant

Voted that Timo F. Downe be taken off of the fourth
school destriect & annexed to the fifth.

Voted to pafs over the tenth article in the warrant

Voted to choose a Committee to take into considera-
tion the expediency of any alteration in the Middle school
Destriect & report at the adjournment

[294] Voted that the committee consist of Seven

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Jonas Marshall
Jr, John R. Kemp, Doct^r Peter Snow, Jacob Willard Esq^r

David Bontell & Ephraim Kimball, for the above committee

Voted that the care of the poor be left to the selectmen

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to let out the collectorship at Isaiah Putnams at 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in April next 2 o'clock P M. & it was accordingly adjourned

1811. April 1st—It being the first Monday in said month the town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened

Voted to resume the seventh article in the warrant

Motioned and seconded to raise 100\$ towards the purchase of an engine for the town

Vote being put it pafsd in the Negative

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting the division of the Middle school destrict, as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 6. 1811. The committee chosen by the Town to take into consideration the expediency of any alteration in the center school destrict beg leave to report,

That in their opinion, it is expedient, that the said destrict be divided, and a new destrict be formed, consisting of that part thereof, which lies East, South & South west of a line crossing the Great road S. East of the small building now occupied by M^r Daniel Goodfrey as a dwelling house;—And that in cafe of a Division, as aforesaid, both of said destricts will be destitute of accommodation for keeping a school. Which is respectfully submitted by your Committee

Edward Durant Per order

[295] Voted to accept the report of the Committee to fettle with the town Treasurer as follows (viz)

Fitchburg March 8, 1811

The subscribers a committee chosen by the town on the fourth of March Ins^t to settle with the town treasurer have attended to the business and make the following report viz, We find in the treasurers hands a note against Eph^m Kimball Dated 30. Jan^y 1800 on Interest for \$100

There is due on this note four years Inst ^t on the 30. Jan ^y 1811	
We also find in the Treasurers hands a note signed by John Goodridge dated Dec ^r 7. 1808 on Inst ^t for	7.01
We find due to the Pewholders in the old Meet- ing house	67.83
We find in Abiel Holts hands collector for the year 1809	64.07
We find in the hands of John Willard collector for the year 1810	1072.99
We also find in the treasurers hands which he has not accounted for	6.25

We have settled with the Treasurer and allowed him
Fifteen Dollars for his Services as Treasurer in full to this
day

Joseph Fox	} Committee
David Boutell	
Edw ^d Durant	
Joseph Simonds	Treasurer

600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the
necessary expence of the town the present year

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to
let out the collectorship

1811 March 4th The committee chosen by the town
to let out the Collectorship at I. Putnam @ 4 oclock this
afternoon have attended to the businefs as follows (viz)

2.02 Let out the south side of the town to Abiel
Holt he is to give bonds to the acceptance of the town @
\$2.02 upon the 100\$

1.99 Let out the north side of the town to Joseph
Carter @ 1.99. upon the 100\$ & he is to bring bondsmen
John Thurston per order

[296] Voted & chose Abiel Holt—Collector

Voted & chose Joseph Carter Collector

Voted & chose Abiel Holt & Jos. Carter Constables

Voted to accept of David Pratt & Timo Garfield as
bondsmen for Abiel Holt

Voted to accept of Sylvanus Lapum & Levi Farwell
as Bondsmen for Joseph Carter

The selectmen a committee chose to take care of the poor the present year—have let them out as follows

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder by the week the person who bids him off is to keep him one year & bid off to Benj^a Fullar—at 60 cents per week the town is to clothe him & pay his Doc^t bill

Sam^l French, the town is to clothe him & pay his Doc^t bill if any struck off to Levi Farwell he is to give the town 35 cents per week & keep him one year

Mary Wares, on the same condition as Smith bid off to Joel Eaton he is to have 60^{ct} per week

Jonas Spalding, on the same condition only the person who takes him is to give him the privilage of going to school in the winter bid of to Seth Phillips he is to have 22^{ct} per week

Edward Goodfellow on the same condition as Spalding bid off to Joseph Carter he is to have 8 cts per week

Rebecah Smith set up, the person who bids her off is pay as long as he keeps her, bid off Jos Carter he is to pay the town two mills per week

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Joseph Down Jr	
Joseph Farwell	

1811 March 14 The selectmen appointed Thomas Eaton Jr Sealer of Weights & Measures

Voted that it is necefsary to appoint measurers of Wood

Voted to Defsolve this meeting & it was accordingly defolved

William Cunningham J Mod.
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[297] Worcester fs To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) Yon are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
(L S) town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
meet and afsemble at the Town Meeting-house in
said town on Monday the first day of April next at two
oclock, P. M. to act on the following articles viz)

1^d To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County

3^d To see if the town will build a school house in school destriect No 1. And if said destriect shall be divided, two, or act any thing thereon, agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March 1811

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Joseph Farwell	

Worcester fs Fitchburg April 1, 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on monday April 1, 1811

Voted & chose William Cunningham Esqr Moderator

[298] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn by verbal notice the inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representative to meet at the towns Meeting house this day at three oclock P. M. to give in their votes for Treasurer for the County of Worcester

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this first day of April 1811

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Downe J	
Joseph Farwell	

Worcester fs. April 1. 1811

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and

warned the freeholders such as were present at the Meeting house to appear at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned
 Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday April 1, 1811

William Cunningham Jr Esqr being Moderator of the other meeting was chosen for this & have the votes for Treasurer & Register recorded together

Votes for County Treasurer were call^d for sorted, counted & Declaration thereof made as follows viz

For Samuel Allen Esqr	88
Elbridge Gerry	1

Votes for County register as follows (viz)

For Daniel Clap Esqr	72
Enoch Flagg	66

Voted to choose a committee to take up the subject matter at large on the 3^d Article in the warrant & report at the adjournment

[299] Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J Doct Peter Snow Israel Turner Esqr Benjamin Herrick & John Thurston

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in May next at one oclock P. M.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg of Twenty one years of age & upwards having a free hold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting house on Monday the first day of April next at three oclock P M. to give in their votes for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March 1811

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with

your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before said day

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Joseph Farwell	

Worcester fs April 1, 1811 Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned . . . Oliver Fox Constable

March 14, 1811 Tho^s Eaton Jr was appointed sealer of Weights & Measures by the Selectmen

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[300] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the first day of April 1811 to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors

The meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in Sorted counted record & delaration thereof made as follows

For Governor	{	His Ex. Elbridge Gerry	129
		Hon Christopher Gore	90
		W ^m Phillips Esq ^r	2
Lieu ^t Gov.	{	Hon W ^m Gray Esq ^r	120
		W ^m Phillips Esq ^r	94
		T. T. Barton	2
		W ^m Kilburn	1
		Christopher Gore	1
Senators &c	{	Jonas Kendall Esq ^r	86
		Seth Hastings Esq ^r	86
		Francis Blake Esq ^r	85
		Silas Holman Esq ^r	86
		Pliney Merrick Esq ^r	99
		Samuel Jones Esq ^r	99
		Edward Bangs Esq ^r	99
		Moses White Esq ^r	99

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Joseph Farwell	

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[301] May 6, 1811 The town met according to adjournment of the meeting April 1, 1811. respecting the division of the center school district

The committee chosen to report at this meeting made their report that it was expedient that the district be divided & the town build two new school houses

Voted to disolve this meeting & it was accordingly disolved

W^m Cunningham J Mo^d

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any other estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the fourteenth day of May next, at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us before the above said fourteenth day of may next

Given under our hands & Seals at said Fitchburg the 30th day of April AD 1811

John Willard	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abraham Willard	
Joseph Farwell	

Fitchburg May 14, 1811

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within Mentioned Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on Tuesday 14. May. 1811 for the purpose of choosing Representatives.

Motioned & seconded to send two representatives the present year the vote being tried it passed in the affirmative

Voted & choose Mr Paul Wetherbee & Mr Abraham Willard to represent them in the General Court the present year

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe J		
Joseph Farwell		
Oliver Fox town Clerk		

[302] Worcester vs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting
 (L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting, to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house in said town on monday the third day of June next at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will divide the center school district agreeable to the report of the committee presented to the town at a meeting in April

3 To see if the town will build two school houses in the two center districts provided the district is divided or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

4 To see if the town will choose a committee to district the town anew for the benefit of schooling or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

5 To see if the town will raise any sum of money for the purpose of building the above school houses or act any thing thereon

6 To see if the town will raise one hundred Dollars toward defraying the expence of a fire Engine agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of May AD 1811

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr		
Jos. Farwell		

Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Fitchburg June 3. 1811

Joseph Carter Const!

[303] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday June 3, 1811—

Voted & chose John Willard moderator

Voted to excuse John Willard from serving as Moderator & chose William Cunning Esqr Modr

Voted to pass over the 2^d Article in the warrant.

Voted to pass over the 3^d Article in the warrant.

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the first monday in march Next 3 o'clock P. M.

Worcester fs To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the

(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and

(L. S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of

said town Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the towns Meeting house in said town on thursday the fourth day of July next at four o'clock P M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To see if the town will direct their Treasurer to pay over to the selectmen of the town of Newburyport any sum of money for the purpose of relieving the Sufferers in that town by a late destreßing fire or act any thing thereon

3 To see if the town will raise any sum of money for the purpose of defraying the necessary Charges of the town or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will divide the center school district agreeable to the report of a committee exhibited to the town in April last or act any thing thereon

5 To see if the town will do any thing towards building a school house in the new made district or act any thing thereon

6 To see if the town will make any alteration in any school district or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

[304] Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of June AD 1811

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Junr	
Joseph Farwell	

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg July 4, 1811 Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Thursday July 4, 1811

Voted & chose Joseph Downes Jr Town Clerk Pro. tem

Voted & chose William Cunningham J Esqr Modr

Voted to choose a committee of one in each Parish to receive a contribution for the relief of the sufferers of Newbury Port by a late fire & transmit the same to the Selectmen of Newbury Port

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee, John Thurston & Saml Gibson for the above committee

Voted to pass over the 3^d article in the warrant.

Voted to divide the middle school district according to a report of a committee presented to the town in April last which is as follows viz

Fitchburg, March 6, 1811. The committee chosen by the town to take into consideration the expediency of any

alteration in the center School District, beg leave to report,

That in their opinion, that it is expedient that the said district be divided, and a new district be formed, consisting of that part thereof which lies east, south & south west of a line crossing the great road South East of the small building now occupied by Mr Daniel Goodfreys as dwelling house;—And that in case of a Division as aforesaid, both districts will be destitue of accomodation for keeping a school which is respectfully submitted by your committee

Edw^d Durant Per order

Voted to give the new made district Ninety Dollars for the purpose of building the school house

Voted to order the treasurer to pay over to a committee of the District No 12. Ninety Dollars for the purpose of building a school house

Voted to annex Thomas Leitch & Elizabeth Fitzgerald to the [305] District No 12.

Voted to reconsider the vote granting Ninety Dollars to the District No 12. & the order to the Treasurer to pay 90 Dolls to said District.

Voted to disolve this Meeting

W^m Cunningham J Mod^r

Joseph Down J T. Clerk pro tem

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to summons and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to asemble at the towns Meeting house on tuesday the nineteenth of Nov^r Instant at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles. (Viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of the revision made by the Selectmen respecting the jury boxes, or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

3 To see if the town will repair their school houses as usual or act anything theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of Nov^r AD. 1811

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Downe J	
Abraham Willard	
Joseph Farwell	

Worcester fs

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs^d to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned

Joseph Carter Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 19. 1811

[306] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Tuesday November 19 AD 1811

Voted & chose William Cunningham Jun^r Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the doings of the Selectmen respecting the revision of the jury boxes be confirmed.

Voted that the town in future discontinue the practice in repairing the towns school houses in the several districts.

William Cunningham J Mod^r

Oliver Fox town Clerk

The following is a division of the school money for the year 1811 by the Selectmen

Destriet No	1.	Doct. Snow	\$119.49
	No 2.	Amos Peirce	40.90
	No 3.	Kendal Boutell Jr	53.39
	No 4.	Elezer Sawtle	43.68
	No 5.	Jos. Downe Jr	40.05
	No 6.	Joshua Phillips	40.05
	No 7.	Ruben Smith	41.44
	No 8.	Sam ^l Gibson Jr	44.37
	No 9.	Micah Shattuck	46.76
	No 10.	Dea. John Thurston	67.80

No 11.	Jacob Gibson	35.12
No 12.	Joseph Fox Esq ^r	66.95
	John Thurston	} Selectmen
	John Willard	
	Joseph Downe Jr	
	Oliver Fox town Clerk	

Fitchburg Dec^r 2. 1811

1812 Worcester fs. To Either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County—greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (L S) Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
 (L S) meet and assemble at the said town's Meeting
 house on Monday the second day of March next at nine
 oclock in the morning to act on the following articles
 (viz)

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2 To choose a town clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors the town may think proper

3 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year insuing and act any thing thereon.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year insuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper

5 To see what sum or Sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act any thing thereon

6 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to pay the necessary expences of the town.

[307] 7 To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer

8 To see if the town will permit the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law

9 To see if the town will choose saxtons to take care of their burying ground or act any thing thereon

10 To see if the town will accept of any road that may be laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

11 To see if the town will make a new division of the school Distriets through out the town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

12 To see if the town will allow any accounts that may be laid before them.

13 To see if the town will lay out and establish the road from the county road near Thomas Litch leading by Dr Jonas Marshalls to the road that leads from John Thurstons to Joseph Farnsworths or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of Febr^y 1812

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Joseph Farwell		

Worcester fs.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therin expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Joseph Carter Constable

Fitchburg March 2^d 1812.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on Monday March 2, 1812

Voted and chose William Cunningham J. Esq^r Moderator

The Prayer was made by the Rev^d M^r Barton

Voted and chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted and chose Joseph ^x Simonds Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five Selectmen for the ensuing year

Voted and chose John Thurston, John Willard Maj^r Leonard Burbank & Timothy F. Downe Selectmen

Voted to choose the afsefsors and brot in on one piece of paper

Voted & chose John × Thurston John × Willard & Jonas
× Marshall J Assessors

Voted & chose Oliver Fox, Thomas Cowdin, John
Battles Nathan Battles, Elijah Carter J, Daniel Andrews,
Nathan Badcock Jr. Perley McIntier, Paul Wetherbee,
Dan! Flint Joseph Farnsworth, Nathan Ordway, Samuel
Taylor. Eben! Thurston Jr, Jacob Stickney, Asaph Boutell
Eph^m Smith, Benj^a Herrick Highway Surveyors

Voted and chose Phinehas Brown, John Carter, Joseph
Wheeler J Zachariah Shelden J, James Capen, David Bolton
& Royal Rider Hogreves

[308] Voted & chose John R. Kemp, Joseph Downe Jr
. Cullers of Hoops & staves

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds & Timo Garfield
. Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, Eliph^t Perley & Isaiah
Putnam Fire wards

Voted & chose Joel Page Dan! Farwell J. Field Drivers

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J Pound Keeper

Voted & chose Jon^a Thurston & Jonas Marshall J
. Tythingman

Voted & chose Zachariah Shelden J Oliver W Warren
. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Ephraim Kimball J Thos Carter and
Joshua Phillips Fence Viewers

Voted & chose Joseph Farwell, James Cowdin, Elery
Brown, Jonathan Whitcomb, William Down Phillip F.
Cowdin, Joseph Carter, George Wood Zacheriah Shelden
Jr. Samuel Caswell J. Eph^m Gibson & Oliver Fox

. School Committeemen

Voted to enlarge the school Committee, five in number

Voted & chose Rev^d M^r Bascom Rev^d M^r Barton, Wil-
liam Cunningham Jr Esq^r Doc^t P. Snow, & Joseph Rich-
ardson

Voted & chose Levi Davis & William Carltan . Saxtons

Voted that the collection of Taxes be let out at Isaiah
Putnams by the Selectmen at 5. oclock this eving.

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to repair
the highways & bridges the year ensuing.

Voted that the poor be let out to the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams this evening

\$700 Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars for the support of schools 660 Dollars by distributed among the school destriects according to the number of schollars in the destriects and that 40 Dollars by divided amongst the most needy destriects, according to the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to pafs over the 6th article.

Voted to choose a committee of three to fettle with the treasurer

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, W^m Cunningham, Jos. Downe Jr

Voted to pafs over the 8th Article in the Warrant.

Voted to pafs over the 10. Article

Voted to choose a committee to take into consideration the 11th article in the warrant and report at sum future meeting

Voted that the Committee consist of twenty four

Voted & chose Doct. Peter Snow, Jonas Marshall J. Abijah Goodridge James Cowdin, Paul Wetherbee Israel Turner Esq^r Eph^m Osborn Daniel Harris, Joseph Downe J. Benj^a Fullar, Seth Phillips Thomas Cowdin, Abraham Willard Joshua Stickney, Dea. Samuel Gibson, John Willard, Thomas Thurston, John Pratt, Joseph Richardson John Thurston, Amos Lawrence Danil Andrews Joseph Fox Thomas Litch.

[309] Voted to allow the Selectmens account presented this day

Voted that the Selectmen asertain and define the boundaries of the road near Thomas Litches to the road leading from Dea John Thurston to Jos. Farnsworths and report at the adjount

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April 1. oclock P. M.

The Selectmen a committee to take care of the Poor of the town have attended to the businefs as follows Let them out to the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams by the week, the person who bids them off to have pay as long as they keep them

the transgression by them of the Laws for the due observation of the Lords day . .	4.00
Decr 16 Paid into the treasury by the Select- men in cash, and notes against sundry per- sons for effects of the town sold at vendue	20.55
Paid into the treasury by Joseph Carter of the taxes committed to him to collect for 1811	134.00
Paid into the treasury by Abiel Holt, the bal- lance in full of the taxes committed to him to collect in 1810	64.07
Paid into the treasury by Abiel Holt of the taxes committed to him to collect for 1811.	70.36
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	\$1166.11

Paid by the treasurer to sundry persons on or- ders drawn on him by the Selectmen, which we have examined and destroyed \$1035:40 ballance in treasurers hands \$130.71 is . .	1166.11
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Allowed the treasurer for his Services, twelve Dollars, which reduces the ballance in his hands to	\$118.71
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We find in the Treasuries hands: A promissory note given by Ephraim Kimball dated Jan ^y 30, 1800 on Interest, but none paid since the last settlement with the treasurer, for . . .	\$100.
A promissary note given by John Goodridge dated December 7. 1808 on Interest but none paid — for	7.01
We find in the hands of John Willard, Collector for 1810	243.46
We find in the hands of Abiel Holt Collector for 1811	632.61
We find in the hands of Joseph Carter Collector for 1811	499.32
There appears in the Treasuries Books a notice of	67.83
to be distributed among certain "Pewholders." according to a former Vote of the town, but as this Item has no	

connection with the state of the towns account with their Treasurer, we have dismissed it from any other attention

William Cunningham J } Committee
Joseph Downe Jun^r }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

\$600 Voted to raise six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town

Voted to excuse John Battles as Highway surveyor & chose Cap^t Joshua Goodridge in his room.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to I. Putnams Hall at 6. oclock this evening.

Town met according to adjournment

Voted and chose Oliver Fox & Zachariah Shelden Jr collectors

Voted & chose Oliver Fox & Zach. Shelden J Constables for Presnt year

Voted to accept Joseph Fox & Jon^a Haskell as bondsmen for Oliver Fox.

Voted to accept Stephen Dole & Josiah Brown as bondsmen for Zachariah Shelden J

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

W^m Cunningham Jr Mod^r
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

March 2. 1812. The selectmen a committee chosen to let out the collectorship at I. Putnams, attended to the businefs as follows, viz.

Let out the south side of the town to Oliver Fox at \$1.90 upon the \$100

Let out the north side of the town to Zach^a Shelden J at 1.75 upon the \$100

Signed by the Selectmen

[311] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said county . . Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the male inhabitants of the said Town of
(L S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-
(L S) wards, having a freehold estate within the com-
monwealth of the annual income of three pounds,

or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the towns meeting house on Monday the sixth day of April next at three oclock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lientenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of March AD 1812.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Leonard Burbank		
Timo. F. Downe		
Daniel Farwell J		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned. Joseph Carter Constable

April 6, 1812

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on Monday April 6, 1812 to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors. The Meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, record and declaration thereof made as follows. (viz)

For Governor	{	His Excel Elbridge Gerry	141
	{	Hon Caleb Strong Esq ^r	126
Lieu ^t Governor.	{	Hon W ^m Phillips	126
	{	Hon W ^m King	143
Senators &c	{	Timothy Whiting Esq ^r	137
		Edmund Cushing Esq ^r	137
		Hon Silas Holman	124
		Solomon Strong Esq ^r	123

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Daniel Farwell J		
Timo F Downe		
Leonard Burbank		
Oliver Fox town Clerk		

[312] Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L.S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L.S) commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
 (L.S) warn all the male inhabitants of the said town of
 (L.S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-
 (L.S) wards and resident in said town one year next
 (L.S) preceding having a freehold estate within said
 Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate
 to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the
 meeting house of said town on Monday the fourth day
 of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the pur-
 pose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent
 them at the General Court, appointed to be convened
 and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day
 of April AD 1812

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
 with your doings hereon to some one of us on or before
 said day.

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Leonard Burbank	
Tim ^o F. Downe	
Daniel Farwell Jr	

Worcester ss. May 4, 1812 Pursuant to the within
 warrant I have notified and warned the Male inhabitants
 of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therin exprefs'd to
 meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein
 mentioned Oliver Fox, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg asembled on Monday May 4, 1812 for the
 purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, the Se-
 lectmen presided.

Motioned & Seconded that we send two Representa-
 tives the present year and the votes be brought on one
 piece of paper & it pafsd in the affirmative. 112. to 93

The votes being call^d for sorted, counted and record
 thereof made as follows for Paul Wetherbee 114. Samuel

Gibson 110 Joseph Simonds 104. Leonard Burbank 81
 John Willard 23. W^m Cunningham Esq^r 2. Joseph Fox 1.
 it required 109. for a choice Paul Wetherbee & Sam^l Gib-
 son had that number and was declared chosen

Meeting Dissolved

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Leonard Burbank	
Tim ^o F. Downe	
Dan ^l Farwell Jur	
Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

[313] Worcester fs. To Cap^t Oliver Fox one of the
 Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L. S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L. S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts. by verbal notice
 (L. S) to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabi-
 (L. S) tants the south side of said town Qualified by
 law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the
 towns Meeting house on Monday the twenty fifth day of
 this instant May at one o'clock P. M. to act on the fol-
 lowing articles (viz)

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2 To see if the town will offer any reward by way
 of Bounty or wages to such soldiers as may volunteer or
 be detached to supply the number of troops required by
 the Commander and chief to be detached from the infantry
 and Cavelry of said town or act any thing thereon the
 town may think proper, agreeable to a request of a num-
 ber of Inhabitants of said town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
 day. and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this
 nineteenth day of May AD 1812

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Leonard Burbank	

Worcester fs Fitchburg May 25 1812^l

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and
 warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the south

side of the town of Fitchburg qualified as there in exprefsd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by giving verbal notice and leaving word for them to attend said meeting

Oliver Fox Constable

Worcester Is To Zachariah Shelden Jr Constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants on the
(L S) north side of said town Qualified by law to vote
in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house on Monday the twenty fifth day of May Instant at one of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will offer any reward by way of bounty or wages to such soldiers as may volunteer or be detached to supply the number of troops required by the commander in chief to be detached from the infantry and cavelry of said town or act any thing thereon the town may think proper. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and seals this 19. day of May 1812

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Leonard Burbank	
John Willard	

[314] Fitchburg May 21. 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants, on the north side of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Zachariah Shelden Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday May 25, 1812

Voted and chose Edward Durant Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the town make up the Soldiers wages to twelve Dollars per month which may volunteer or be detached from the town of Fitchburg (according to the warrant) while in actual service

Edward Durant Mod^r

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Road from County road to Newton & Strongs Factory
To the selectmen of the town of Fitchburg
Humbly shew

Martin Newton of said Fitchburg Cabinet Maker and Solomon Strong of Westminster in the County of Worcester Esquire; that they are seized and possessed of a certain Tract of land containing about two acres, situated in said Fitchburg on the Northerly side of the river called Nashua=North Branch. They have begun to erect, and will soon have completed a large Factory on the premises for spinning Cotton. Said Premises do not touch any road. The road leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house passes within about thirteen rods of the Premises. It is necessary and convenient for your petitioners to have a road from from said road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster as afore-said to the premises. They therefore pray you Gentlemen to lay out a town road and private way from the road, leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house, to the premises; to begin in such point in said road & to pass in such directions to the premises as to you shall seem proper: The expence of making and keeping in repair said town road and private way, as also the damages to be assessed in consequence of locating said way, to be paid by your petitioners

Martin Newton

Fitchburg May 2^d 1812

Solomon Strong

The subscribers being a Majority of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, on this seventh day of september in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twelve, on the written application & request of Martin Newton and Solo. Strong dated May 2^d 1812 do lay

out the following as a town road and private way in the town of Fitchburg and to be hereafter known as a town road and private way in said town, to wit Beginning at a stake in the County road, leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster [315] Leominster Meeting house on the southerly side of said road thence running south twenty one degrees west, fifteen rods & three links to a stake opposite the Northwesterly corner of the New Factory, owned by said Newton & Strong, said road is to be two rods wide and lays on the Easterly side of said bounds. Said road in its whole course goes through the land of Cap^t Oliver Fox.

The damages arising from laying out said road, and also the expences of making and keeping in repair said road to be paid by said Newton & Strong. We appraise the damages to Cap^t Oliver Fox by laying out said road at the sum of One hundred and one Dollars and the said Fox is willing to receive said sum as compensation for his damages; all which is respectfully submitted to the town for their acceptance and approvvall.

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Tim ^o F Downe	
Daniel Farwell	

Sep^t 19. 1812 recorded by Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the town Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty Eighth day of September instant at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting

2^d To see if the town will accept of the report of the Committee chosen to define the limits of the school desistricts or act any thing thereon

3^d To take into consideration the order of notice

from the General Court upon a petition of Thomas Miles praying to be set off to Westminster and act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

4th To see if the town will accept and approve of a town road and private way, laid out by the Selectmen from the County road leading from Fitchburg Meeting house to Leominster Meeting house to the new factory owned by Martin Newton & Solomon Strong beginning at a stake on the southerly side of said County road and running south twenty one degrees west fifteen rods and three links to a stake opposite the North westerly corner of said Factory, said road being two rods wide and being on the Easterly side of said bounds.

5 To see if the town will accept of the bounds of the road leading from the County road near Thomas Litches by Doc^t Jonas Marshalls to the north road leading by Dea John Thurstons, as defined by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

6 To see if the town will take upon themselves as a town bridge the bridge formerly built by Ephraim Kimball, near J & J Farwells blacksmith shop and also give up the obligation said Kimball gave to the town for money to build said bridge or act any thing there on.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [316] doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of September AD 1812

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Timo F Downe	
Daniel Farwell	

Worcester fs Sep^t 28, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on Monday Sep^t 28, 1812.

Voted & chose Maj^r Leonard Burbank Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee to make objection to Thomas Miles Petition praying to be sett off to Westminster

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Doct^r Peter Snow, William Cunningham Jr Esq^r Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr and Dea. John Thurston

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee chosen to define the Limits of the several school destriets as follows viz

Fitchburg May 19, 1812

The committee chosen by the town to take into consideration the 11th article in the Warrant which is as follows Viz, To see if the town will make a new division of the school destriets through out the town, or act any thing there on beg leave to report.—Your committee have not considered it expedient to make any alterations in the several school destriets, but have defined the limits of each destriet, as accurately as the nature of the thing will admit, beginning with Destriet N^o 12, which is bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at the South west corner of Cap^t Oliver Fox land, thence on said Foxes west line to the north west corner of his land, Thence to the south west corner of Calvin Mefsengers land, Thence on said Mefsengers land to land of Daniel Putnam Esq^r. Thence on said Putnams land to land of Amos Wheeler, Thence on said Wheelers south line to his South west corner, Thence to the South west corner of W^m Kilburns land, Thence to the south east corner of Joseph Phelps land Thence to Lunenburg line, Thence on Lunenburg line to Tho^s Litches south line, Thence to the north west corner of Joshua Pierces land, Thence to Moses Hales south East corner, Thence on the south line of said Hales Land to the southeast corner of W^m Cunningham Jr Esq^r land, Thence on said Cunninghams land to W^m Walterns land, including said Walten land, Thence to the north west corners of Benja^a Blaneys land near Rollstone hill, thence to the bounds first mentioned

[317] Destrict N^o 2. Bounded as follows viz, Beginning on Lunenburg line at Thomas Litche's south line, Thence on Lunenburg line to Leominster line, thence on Leominster line to Lancaster old corner (so called) on top of Manoosnock hill, Thence a straigh line to the south west corner of Destrict No 12, thence on Destrict No 12, to the bounds first Mentioned

Destrict N^o 4. Beginning as follows viz, Beginning on the town line at the south west corner of Deacon Kendall Boutell land, thence on the town line to Westminster line, Thence Northward on the town line to the Middle branch of Nashua River, Thence Easterly on said river to Joseph & Timo. T. Downes farm, Thence on the south line of said Farm to Benja Fullars land, Thence to the North west corner of W^m Bacom's land, Thence to the North west corner of Kendall Boutells J land Thence southerly on Destrict No 3. to the bounds first Mentioned

Destrict No 3. Bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at lancaster old corner, above mentioned, thence westerly on the town line to Dea. Kendall Boutells south west corner, Thence on the west line of said Boutells land to the west line of Kendall Boutell Jur North line to the town road, Thence on said road to the Northeast corner of Paul Wetherbees land, Thence to the north west corner of Destrict No 2, thence southwardly on Destrict No 2. to the first Mentioned bounds.

Destrict N^o 5. Bounded as follows Viz, Beginning at the south west corner of Destrict N^o 12, Thence on Destrict No 3 & 4 till it comes to Nashua River, Thence easterly down said River to the north east corner of David Pratts land, Thence to the first mentioned bounds.

Destrict N^o 6. Beginning as follows, Viz Beginning on the town line at the Middle branch of Nashua River, thence on the town line to the north west corner of Houghtons land, thence on Houghtons land to Benja Hartwells land, thence on said Hartwells land to his north west corner, Thence to the north west corner of Ephraim Davis land, thence to the north east corner of Thomas Eatons land Thence on said Eatons to the River, thence up said river to the first mentioned bounds

District No 7. Bounded as follows. Beginning at the North west corner of Houghtons land near the town line, Thence on the town line to Amos Sheldens north line, Thence easterly a Straight line to the north west corner of Sylvenus Laphams land, Thence on said Lapham's west line to the town road Thence on the town road, to the County road, Thence on the County road to the South-west corner of said Laphams land Thence on Dea Jos. Tildens north line to his north west corner, Thence to the north east corner, Thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Lemuel H Sylvesters land Thence on District No 6, to the first mentioned Bounds.

District No 8. Bounded as follows, viz Beginning at Amos Sheldens north line on the town line and runs north on the town line to Ashby line, Thence east on the town line to the east line of [318] of Dea Sam^l Gibsons land Thence southwardly on said Gibson east line to the northeast corner of George Woods land, Thence a Straight line to the Southeast corner of Phinehas Browns land, Thence to the north East corner of Elijah Mcintires land, Thence to the Southeast corner of Sylvanus Laphams land Thence westerly on District No. 7. to the bounds first Mentioned

District No 9. Bounded as follows. viz, Beginning at the town line at the northeast corner of Dea S. Gibsons land, Thence on the town line, at a due north point drawn from the northeast corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence southerly on said Richardsons west line to his south west corner, Thence a straight line to the south west corner of Edward Scotts land, Thence westerly a straight line to the northeast corner of Dea. Jos. Tildens land Thence bounded on District No 7 & 8. to the bounds first mentioned.

District No 10. Bounded as follows viz Beginning at Ashby line at a Due north point drawn from the north-west corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence easterly on the town line to the northeast corner of Levi Wetherbees land, Thence to the southeast corner of James Parkhurst land, Thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Joseph Richardsons land, Thence a Straight line to the Northeast corner of Samuel Caswells land, Thence on

Jacob Gibsons west and south line to the northwest corner of Warren Chases land Thence to Doe^t Jonas Marshalls Jaquith lot (so call^d) the northeast corner Thence Southwardly on Lunenburg line to Destrict N^o 12, Thence westerly on Destrict N^o 12. to the northwest corner of Destrict N^o 12, Thence a straight line, to the southeast corner of Destrict N^o 9. Thence north bounding on Destrict N^o 9. to the bounds first Mentioned

Destrict N^o 11. Bounded as follows Beginning at Levi Wetherbees north east corner, on Ashby line, Thence easterly on the town line to Lunenburg line Thence Southwardly on Lunenburg line to the North east corner of Destrict N^o 10. to the first mentioned bounds.

Destrict N^o 1. Bounded as follows, viz, beginning at the southwest corner of Cap^t Oliver Foxs land, Thence Northwesterly on Destrict No. 12, to the Northwest corner of said Destrict, Thence westerly on Destrict N^o 10 & 9, to Destrict N^o 7, Thence southwardly on Destrict N^o 7 & N^o 6, Thence southwardly on Destrict No 5, to the North west corner of Benjamin Blanys land near Rollstone hill (so call^d) thence northerly to the first mentioned bounds.

Peter Snow per order of the Committee

Voted to accept the report of the selectmen respecting a road laid out to Newton & Strongs factory which report is recorded on the town Book Dated September 7, 1812

[319] Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen, respecting a road laid out from Thomas Litches to Dea John Thurstons as follows Pursuant to a vote of the town pafsd March 2^d 1812 the Selectmen have proceeded to erect and define the bounds of the road from the County road near Thomas Litches leading by William Kilburns to the north road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg by Dea. John Thurstons which is as follows (viz)

Beginning at a Stake & Stones the north side of the County road near Thomas Litches and the west side of the road that leads by William Kilburns and runs North

17. degrees east four rods to a Stake & Stones on Thomas Litches east line, thence north 6 degrees east six rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 15 degrees east eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 10 degrees east thirty rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 17. degrees east twelve rods to a stake & Stones, thence north 6 degrees east twenty two rods to a Stake & Stones thence north 11 degrees east fifty eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 2 degrees west thirteen rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 6 degrees east fifty eight rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 19 degrees east twelve rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 12½ degrees east twenty six rods to the northeast corner of M^r Amos Ordways house, thence north 10 Degrees east five rods to a Stake & Stones thence north 26 degrees west four rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 35 degrees north eleven rods, to a Stake & Stones, thence north 24 degrees west two rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 5 degrees east thirty six rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 2 degrees east thirty rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 7 degrees east twenty four rods to a Stake & Stones, the south side of the north road near John Thurstons so call^d. The above road from Amos Ordways south line to the north road is meant to be two rods wide, the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road, as near the west wall, as can be convenient All which is respectfully submitted to the town.

Fitchburg Sept^t 7. 1812. John Thurston }
 Leonard Burbank } Selectmen
 Timo F. Downe }
 Daniel Farwell J }

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to take into consideration the 6th Article in the warrant

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J. Doct Peter Snow, & David Boutell

Voted that the above committee make some repairs on the bridge as they Shall think proper, before Muster day

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in November next at One oclock P. M.

1812 November 2. The town met according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to thursday 12. Inst one o'clock P. M.

1812 Nov^r 12. The town met according to adjournment.

Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro tem.

[320] Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to take into Consideration the 6th Article in the warrant which is as follows

Articles of Agreement made and concluded by and between Eph^m Kimball Ju^r of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman on the first part, John Farwell, & Joseph Farwell, Gentlemen and Nehemiah Giles Yeoman all of Said Fitchburg on the second part, and the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg by Jonas Marshall J, Peter Snow & David Boutell their Committee on the third part, Witneseth, That the said Eph^m Kimball Jur for the Consideration hereafter mentioned, hereby doth demise and leave to said Inhabitants so much of his land included between the river and a straight line drawn from the north corner of his Garden to the north corner of the south butment of the Cotton Manufactory Corporation dam, as shall be necessary for the purpose of regimental or battallion Musters, so often as, and at all times when they the said Inhabitants or the Selectmen of said town, or any person by their order, shall request it for that purpose, to be used and improved for the purpose aforesaid, so long as the said Inhabitants shall maintain and keep in good repair a good and sufficient bridge across the river from near Farwells blacksmith shop to his land; provided however, that this agreement shall become void and of no effect, whenever said Kimball shall pay said Inhabitants of Fitchburg fifty Dollars and also such sum if any, as the bridge at the time may be worth over and above the value of the bridge at this time.

And the said Farwells & Giles hereby agree in Consideration that the Town will support said bridge, to give full

permission and right to all persons to pass and repairs over the land owned by them between the road and said bridge where the travel now is, so long as said town shall support said bridge; provided however, that the land shall not be raised in such manner as to injure them in their business. And the said Inhabitants of Fitchburg by their said Committee, for the Consideration, before mentioned hereby promise and engage to support and maintain & keep in good repair a good and sufficient bridge across the river to said Kimballs land, near Farwells blacksmith shop untill this agreement shall be annulled by said Kimball; provided however, that this agreement shall be void and of no effect when the said Inhabitants of Fitchburg shall give notice to said Kimball that they will support said Bridge no longer and if the Bridge at the time Notice shall be given is of less value, then the bridge at this time in that place, shall pay unto said Kimball the difference.

And the said Inhabitants hereby engage that the note given to said town by Ephraim Kimball, shall be no longer obligatory, and that the same shall be delivered up to said Eph^m Kimball Jur

And it is the understanding of the parties, that the Town shall have no right to erect booths, or buildings on said Kimballs land, except the same shall be for the accomodation of the officers of the regiment or Battalion, and under their direction. And it is the intention of the parties to this agreement, that it shall be in force and take effect whenever the town shall confirm and agree to the engagements of their Committee and not before.

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[321] Worcester S.s. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg
(L S) duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the
General Court of said Commonwealth, viz, the
Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of

age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pound or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the towns Meeting house in said town, on Monday the second day of Nov^r next, being the first in said month at three oclock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the North Worcester Destrict

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of October AD 1812

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Tim ^o F Downe	
Dan ^l Farwell	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Nov^r 2, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male inhabitants of said Town qualified as therin exprefs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therin mentioned

O. Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the second day of Nov^r 1812. it being the first Monday of said Month for the purpose of choosing a Representative for the Worcester North destrict of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to represent in the Congress of the United States. Votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, and record, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, to Wit,

For the Hon. Abijah Bigelow Leomster,	Eighty Six.
Edmund Cushing Esq ^r	Seventy two.

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Leo. Burbank	
Timo. F. Downe	
Daniel Farwell J	

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[322] Dated at Fitchburg this second day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twelve

Ephraim Kimball J
John Farwell
Joseph Farwell
Nehemiah Giles
Jonas Marshall J } Committee
Peter Snow }

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to make objection to Thomas Miles, Petition, praying to be set off to the town of Westminster as follows (viz)

To the Hon the Senate and the Hon. the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The town of Fitchburg in legal town meeting assembled beg leave to Remonstrate against the Petition of Thomas Miles to be sett off from the town of Fitchburg and annexed to the town of Westminster. Your Remonstrants consider it unreasonable that the prayer of said Petition should be granted Because the division line between the town of Fitchburg & Westminster, contiguous to which said Miles now lives, is a straight line; this regularity would be turnd into the most misshapen forms by the annexation to Westminster of the lands belonging to the said Miles which extends more the—miles towards the center of the town. Because the town of Fitchburg is at an expence far exceeding the expences of any adjoining Town, for the erection and repair of Bridges, and can inconveniently release from a contribution of this burden any of the lands within the town subject to taxation. And because the greater proximity of the said Miles to the Meeting house in Westminster than to the Meeting houses in Fitchburg (the circumstances on which his petition is principally grounded) and the road from his House to his chosen place of worship, or to the center of the town of Fitchburg, is equally good with the road from his house to Middle of Westminster. As to schools, the situation of the said Miles is now quite as eligible as it would be by his removal.) is wholly undeserving of consideration by the fact, that the said Miles is a member of a Religious Society in the town of Fitchburg by whom a

a Minister is maintained by voluntary subscription A nearer residence to the meeting house in Westminster then to the house of Public worship in Fitchburg, is an argument of no greater weight in favor of said Miles then of several in his neighborhood; and it is well understood that as he succeeds in his petition they are to be governed. If there were no reasons of a local nature to oppose their removal it would seem that the inequality already existing in favor of Westminster in the point of Wealth and Mensuration would be a sufficient abjection. Your Remonstrants lament that the [323] obvious weight of the reason herein assigned against the Petition of the said Miles, had not subdued in his mind the force of his natural attachments to Westminster, the place of His origination, but they have the most entire confidence that with a legislative Body governed by a liberal regard to the welfare of the whole, they will prevail against his Petition

Voted that the Representatives of the town of Fitchburg be instructed to present the Remonstrance to Thomas Miles Petition with such other objections as they may think proper and favorable to the town of Fitchburg

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Leonard Burbank Mod!

Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro tem

recorded by . . . Oliver Fox town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Cap! Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, Greeting You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the towns Meeting-house on thursday the twelfth day of this Instant November at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing six electors of President & Vice President of the United States for the Counties of Worcester Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin & Berkshire

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with

your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day and time above Mentioned.

Given under hands and seals at Fitchburg this second day of Nov^r AD 1812.

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Leo. Burbank		
Timo F Downe		
Dan ^l Farwell J		

Worcester ss. Fitchburg Nov^r 12, 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[324] At a Legal meeting held at Fitchburg in the County of Worcester on the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twelve, for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States the undernamed persons had the number of votes to their names respectively annexed

Hon. Isaac Maltby of Hartford	106
Hon Geo. Blifs Springfield	106
Eph ^m Williams Esq ^r Deerfield	106
Eleazer James Esq ^r Barre	106
Hon. Benj. Heywood Worcester	106
John W. Hulbert Esq ^r Pittsfield	106
Hon W ^m Walker of Lenox	81
Pliny Merrick Esq ^r Brookfield	81
Moses White Esq ^r of Rutland	81
Thomas Shepherd Esq ^r of Northampton	81
Solomon Smead Esq ^r Greenfield	81
Jeremiah Stebbings Esq ^r Springfield	81

Sorted Counted & Scaled in presence of

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Leo. Burbank		
Timo. F. Down		
Dan ^l Farwell J		

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tem

recorded by . . . Oliver Fox Town Clerk.

[325] The following is a division of the school money for the year 1812

No 1.	Capt Joseph Farwell	\$136.30
2.	James Cowdin	41.18
3	Ellery Brown	53.81
4.	Jon ^a Whitcomb.	45.45
5.	William Downe	42.86
6.	Phillip F. Cowdin.	47.04
7	Joseph Carter	47.04
8	George Wood	49.93
9.	Zachariah Shelden J..	49.04
10.	Samuel Caswell Jr	74.43
11	Eph ^m Gibson	39.39
12.	Oliver Fox	73.53

Made by the Selectmen Dec^r 15. 1812.

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Timo F. Downe	
Dan ^l Farwell J	

[326] Worcester S.s. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County . . Greeting

(L. S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L. S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (L. S) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of
 (L. S) said town, Qualified by law to vote in town af-
 (L. S) fairs to meet and assemble at the towns Meeting
 (L. S) house in said town on Monday the first day of
 March next at nine o'clock A. M. to act on the following
 articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To choose a town Clerk, town Treasurer, select-
 men and all other town officers as the law directs, and
 act any thing in regard to choosing collectors as the
 town may Think proper

3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will
 raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensu-
 ing, or act any thing thereon.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will
 raise for schooling the year ensuing, and act any thing

in regard to laying out said money the town may think proper.

5. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town

6 To see if the town will choose a committee to settle with their town Treasurer

7 To see if the town will sell Jonas Marshall J their land and purchase a Bell for the Meeting house, if he will give the town one hundred Dollars more then two or three men that shall be agreed upon, shall appraise the land to be worth, or act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the town will vote the swine to run at large under the regulation of the law.

9 To see if the town will rebuild the bridge near Amos Browns or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the town will give a bounty on crows or act any thing thereon

11 To see if the town will allow any accounts that shall be laid before them

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this tenth day of February AD 1813.

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Leonard Burbank	
Daniel Farwell Jr	

Worcester fs March 1, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[327] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday March 1, 1813.

Voted and chose W^m Cunningham J Esq^r Moderator
Prayers by the Rev^d William Bascom.

Voted and chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds . . . Town Treasurer

Voted to choose five selectmen for the year ensuing.

Voted and chose John Willard, Jonas Marshall J. Joseph Downe J Daniel Farwell J. & Samuel Gibson Jr Selectmen

Voted and chose John Thurston, John Willard & Peter Snow Afsefsors

Voted and chose Doct Peter Snow, Joshua × Phillips, Phinehas Allen, Marshal Hastings, John Tilden, Joseph Gibson, Josiah × Brown, Joseph Richardson, Person Brown, Elijah Mcintier Jur, Thomas Litch, Joseph Upton, Timo. × F. Downe, John × Thurston 2^d, Elisha × Carter, Cap^t Aaron Wheeler, William × Carter, Benjamin Shelden,

. Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose, John × R. Kemp, Eben^r × Thurston Jr, Jabez Fairbanks, Wm. × Carter, Thomas Harris, Daniel × Mayo, Calvin Willard Joseph Wheeler J, Abel Davis

. Hog reves

Voted & chose, John × R. Kemp and Joseph × Downe

. Cullers of H & Staves

Voted & chose, Joseph Farwell, Samuel Putnam, & Isaiah Putnam Fire wards

Voted & chose, Abel Thurston, & Phillip F. Cowdin

. Field Drivers

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton Pound Keeper

Voted & chose, Jacob Upton Eph. Kimball J. Edw^d Durant, Jon^a Thurston Tythingmen

Voted & chose, Joseph × Farwell, Zachariah × Shelden J

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose, Joseph Richardson, Joel × Page Levi Farwell Fence Viewers

Voted & chose, W^m Cunningham J. Doct Peter Snow, Joshua Goodridge, Joseph Simonds, Daniel Harris, Dan^l Farwell J, Samuel Phillips, Abraham Willard, Joseph Willard, John Badcock, Elias Mefenger, Jeremiah Kinsman J,

. School committee.

Voted to add five to the above committee

Voted & chose Rev^d W^m Bascom, Ephraim Kimball J. Calvin Willard, John Shepley & Joseph Richardson for the Committee.

Voted & chose Levi Davis and W^m Caltern . Saxtons

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of Taxes at Isaiah Putnams at 6 o'clock P. M.

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to repair the highways and bridges, the year ensuing.

\$100 Voted to add one hundred Dollars for highways and Bridges

\$800 Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing.

Voted that Seven hundred & fifty Dollars, be distributed according to the number of scholars, and fifty Dollars be distributed by the selectmen among the Districts as they think best

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted & chose Doct Peter Snow, John Thurston & John Willard for the Committee

Voted to pass over the 7th Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 8th Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 9th Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 10th Article in the warrant

Voted to allow the account handed in by the Selectmen & Afsefersors

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

[328] The selectmen proceeded to let out the Poor at the lowest bidder at Isaiah Putnams March 1, 1813, at 6 o'clock P. M. as follows

The persons who bid them off to have pay as long as they keep them

Ephraim Smith set up, bid off to Asa

Farwell @ 87.cents pr week

Samuel French set up, bid off to Levi

Farwell @ 1.cents

Mary Wares, bid off to Joseph Carter @ 61.cents

Jonas Spaldwin, bid off to Abiel Holt @ 31.cents

the boy is to have the privilege of the winter school

Rebecca Smith, bid off to Joseph Carter @ 9 cents

Oliver Upton, bid off to Joseph Phelps @ 73 —

Putnam Perley bid off to Cap^t Aaron

Eaton @ 12 cents

Put up the collection of Taxes for the

south side of the town upon \$100

bid off to

@ \$1.94

North side of the town bid off to

@ \$1.98

John Willard	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonas Marshall J	
Joseph Downe J	
Daniel Farwell J	
Sam ^l Gibson Jun	

The town met according to adjournment April 5, 1813.

Voted to choose one collector for the present year

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield collector.

Voted & chose Oliver Fox & Zach. Shelden Jr Constables

Voted to excuse Elisha Carter serving as Highway surveyor

Voted & chose Joseph Downe J High way surveyor in lieu of E. Carter excused.

Voted to adjourn this meeting till 6 o'clock P. M.

The Town Met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of Committee chosen to settle with Town Treasurer

\$600 Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town the present year

Voted to pass over the 7th article in the warrant

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the Bridge near Amos Browns & make repairs if they think proper for the town.

The committee chosen by the town at their meeting on the first Instant, for the examination of the account of the town treasurer have attended that duty, and report as follows (viz)

We find due from Abiel Holt collector for 1811

the sum of \$123.83

We find due from Joseph Carter Collector for

1811 174.38

We find due from Oliver Fox Collector for 1812	655.11
We find due from Zachariah Sheldon J collector for 1812	596.80
We find one note Signed by John Goodridge dated Sept 2, 1812, with Intst	2.09
	<hr/> 1552.21

We find due to the treasurer after allowing him
12\$ for his Services for the year past . . . \$6.80

Fitchburg March 15, 1813. Peter Snow
 John Thurston } Committee
 John Willard }
 Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Meeting Defsolved

W^m Cunningham Modr
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[329] Worcester fs. To Oliver Fox Constable of the
town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and
(L. S.) notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
(L. S.) town Verbally, Qualified by law to vote in Town
affairs to assemble at their Meeting house on Monday the
fifth day of April next at five o'clock in the afternoon to
act on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To see what method the town will take to get rid
of the support of Ephraim Farnsworths family
- 3 To see if the town will sett off a Number of their
Inhabitants at the Easterly part of the town into a sep-
arate school Distriect agreeable to their request or act
any thing there on

Given under our hands & seals this 22^d Day of March
AD 1813

Jonas Marshall J }
Dan^l Farwell J } Selectmen
Joseph Downe J }

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 5, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as
within directed to meet at the time & place, by reading

the warrant at the April meeting at 5 o'clock P. M. by
order of Selectmen Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting, warned on the spot, of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled April 5, 1813

Voted & chose Edward Durant Moderator

Voted that the selectmen manage the business respecting Ephraim Farnsworth Family as they think most proper for the town.

Voted to pass over the 3^d Article in the warrant

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Edw^d Durant Mod^r

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester SS. To Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the Male
(L S) Inhabitants of the said town of Fitchburg of
(L S) twenty one years of age and upwards having a
(L S) freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the
(L S) annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the
value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at their Meeting
house on Monday the fifth day of April next at three
o'clock P. M. to give in their Votes for a Governor Lieut
Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the
Constitution of said Commonwealth. Hereof fail not and
make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to
some one of us on or before said Day.

Given under our hands & Seals at Said Fitchburg this
15 day of March AD 1813

John Willard	} Selectmen
Jonas Marshall J	
Joseph Downe J	
Dan ^l Farwell J	

Worcester SS. Fitchburg April 5, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned the Male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg

qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place
and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[330] 1813 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants
of the town of Fitchburg asembled on Monday April 5,
1813 to vote for Governor, Leut Governor, Senators &
Counsellors. The meeting being opened by the Selectmen.
Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted
counted record & Declaration thereof made as follows
(viz)

For Governor	{	Hon Joseph B. Varnum	141
	{	Exc. Caleb Strong	136
Lieut Gov.	{	Hon W ^m King	141
	{	Hon W ^m Phillips	136
Senators &c.	{	Moses White Esq ^r	141
	{	Edmund Cushing Esq ^r	141
	{	Hon Silas Holman	136
	{	Hon Solomon Strong	134

John Willard	{	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonas Marshall J		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Sam ^l Gibson Jr		

Attest.

Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town
of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the Male inhabitants of said town being
(L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
(L S) for the space of one year next preceeding having a
(L S) freehold estate within said town of the annual
income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of Two
hundred Dollars to meet at the Meeting house in
Fitchburg on Monday the third day of May next at one
o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more
Representatives to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last
Wednesday of May next

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your [331] your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this ninth day of April AD 1813.

John Willard	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonas Marshall J		
Joseph Downe J		
Danl Farwell J		
Saml Gibson Jr		

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May. 3, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants as within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Afsembled on Monday May 3. 1813

The meeting being opened and warrant read

The Selectmen presided.

Voted that we send one Representative the year ensuing

The votes being calld for sorted & counted no one appeared to have more then all the rest.

Voted to Difsolve this meeting and it was declared Defsolved by the Selectmen

John Willard	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Oliver Fox Town Clerk		

[332] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon and
 (L S) notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
 (L S) said Town qualified by law to vote in town af-
 (L S) fairs to meet and afsemble at the towns Meeting
 (L S) house on Tuesday the twenty Eighth Instant at
 two oclock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the town will accept of the revision of the juror Box or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will fence the burying ground, given to the town by Jonas Marshall Junr or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

5 To see if the town will pay the expences of the law suit Jonas Marshall Junr is engaged in, in behalf of Elias Carter or act anything thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and seals this seventh day of September AD 1813.

John Willard	} Selectmen
Jonas Marshall J	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Daniel Farwell J	
Samuel Gibson Jr	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Sep^r 28, 1813 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and inhabitants qualified as therein exp^rs^d, to to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

[333) At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled on Tuesday Sep^r 28, 1813.

Voted & chose William Cunningham Jr Moderator

Voted to reject the description of a road laid out by the Selectmen beginning near Widow Pollys Garden down the sandhill near Jonas Marshall Junr

Voted not to reject the description of a road laid out by the Selectmen beginning at the corner of M^r David Boutells garden to the house where Joseph J Souther lives.

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with M^r Boutell respecting the road & damages.

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Asa Perry, Col Leonard Burbank, Elias

Messenger, Paul Wetherbee, & Oliver Fox for the above committee & they make report at some future meeting.

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting the road laid out under Leitches hill (so call^d).

Voted That the road be accepted upon condition that it be made passable by the Voluntary contributions of Individuals, without expence to the town of making—which road is as follows (viz)

Road under Leitches hill

The following is a description of a road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) Beginning nigh the Widow Polleys garden and runs E 17. D. South 40 rods E. 34., '0. South 39 rods to the road leading from Ephraim Hartwells, to the County road, through Elnathan Polleys land, thence E. 41.'0. South 80 rods, thence south 32.'0. East 52. rods, thence south 25.'0, E 25½ rods, thence S. 17.'0. E 19. rods. S. 26.'0 E. 18 rods. South 5.0' East 24. rods, S 9.0' E. 52. rods. S 12.0' E 54 rods to George Wood Jr the bounds are all on the westerly side of the road, and we afsefs Damages as follows (viz).

Elnathan Polly .	\$110.00	Sylvanus Lapham .	\$43.00
Ephraim Hartwell & widow Hartwell			56.00
Dea. Joseph Tilden .	83.00	Ephraim Kimball Jr	55.
Titus T. Barton . .	30.00	Timothy Garfield. .	30.
George Wood J . .	25.00	total . .	\$432

Thence beginning at the corner of the wall on Jonas Marshall Jr land nigh the Town pound and runs East 37.0' South 44 rods, thence south 40.0' East 23. rods, the bounds are on the southerly side of the road, the above road is three rods wide

Fitchburg April 19, 1813.

John Willard	} Selectmen
Jonas Marshall J	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Samuel Gibson J	
Daniel Farwell J	

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, a road laid out begining at the turnpike near Jonathan Whitcombs by Benja Fullar provided the road be made free

from expence to the town & the land given the road as follows (viz)

[334] The following is a Description of the road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) beginning at the turnpike road near Mr Jonathan Whitecombs at a stake and stones and thence runs north twelve degrees east forty four rods to a stake and stones on said Whitecombs land thence North four degrees east one hundred & four rods to the road near Benjamin Fullars to a stake & stones, through land of the heirs of David Hodgkins, William Bacon and Benja. Fullar, The road two rods wide, bounds on the westerly side of said road

1813. September 25. Jonas Marshall Jr }
 Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
 Daniel Farwell Jr }

Voted to accept the revision of the juror Box as revised by the Selectmen

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant till March meeting

Voted to dismis the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to disolve the meeting

W^m Cunningham J
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L. S.) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants. of
said Town qualified by Law. to Vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the towns meeting house on tuesday the twenty Sixth Instant Oct^r at two oclock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will discontinue the road lately laid out by the selectmen and accepted by the town leading from George Wood Jr to Elnathan Pollys garden, round leitches hill.

3 To see if the town will accept of any road laid out by the selectmen or their order.

4 To see if the town will raise a sum of money to Defray the expences of the town.

Given under our hands and seals this Eighth day of Oct^r 1813

fail not and make return of your doings to some one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Jonas Marshall J }
Joseph Down J } Selectmen
Daniel Farwell J }

Fitchburg October 8, 1813

Worcester fs Fitchburg Oct^r 26, 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchg

[335] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchbg afsembled on tuesday October 26, 1813.

Voted & Chose William Cunningham Jr Moderator.

Motioned & seconded to discontinue the road lately laid out by the selectmen and accepted by the town Sept^r 28, 1813 from Geo Wood Jr to Elnathan Pollys Garden the motion being put it pafsd in the negative.

Voted that a committee be chosen to view particularly the rout described in the report of the selectmen respecting the road from land of Benjamin Blany's. to the Calvinistic Meeting house, & to view also, any other rout from the south part of the town to or near the said Meeting house and report at some future Meeting their opinion of the most eligible course for a road in that direction

Voted that the committee consist of Seven and serve without pay

Voted and chose Esq^r Turner, Jonas Marshall J. Joseph Downe J. Joseph Farwell, Levi Farwell, Oliver Fox & Joseph Simonds

Voted that the road laid out by the Selectmen near

David Boutells to where Joseph J. Souther lives, that the road be accepted upon condition that the making of the road fit for travel be done at the expence of individuals and not at the charge of the town. The opening of the road to be delayed for the accomodation of M^r D. Boutell thirty days, labor not excluded. The road is as follows (viz)

Road from David Boutells Garden to J. J. Southens.

120\$ The following is a description of the road laid out by the Subscribers (viz) beginning at a stake & stones Nigh the north west corner of David Boutells Garden and runs north twenty four & half degrees east Sixty four rods to a stake and stones by the road nigh the house that Joseph J. Souther occupies the road is on said Boutells land, the road two rods wide and on the Northwest side of the bounds and we afsefs damages at one hundred & twenty Dollars.

John Willard	}	Selectmen
Jonas Marshall		
Joseph Downe		
Dan ^l . Farwell		

Fitchburg September 25. 1813.

500\$ Voted to raise five hundred Dollars for the expences of the town

Voted to Defsolve this meeting.

William Cunningham J Mod.
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[336] To Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) comonwealth of Malsachusetts, to sumons and
(L S) notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of
(L S) Fitchburg qualified by law, to vote in Town meet-
ings (viz) having resided in Town one year preceed-
ing the Seventh day of march next, to assemble at their
meeting house on Monday the Seventh day of march next
at nine O.Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following
articles — (viz)

1st to Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d to Chuse a Clerk, Treasurer, and all other Town

officers agreeable to law, & act any thing in regard to Chusing Collectors, the Town may think proper.

3^d To Se what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise to repair their high ways & Bridges, the year ensuing or act any thing there on.

4th To See what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise for Schooling the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to laying out said money they may think proper

5th To see what sum, or Sums, of money the Town will raise to defray the Towns, nescessary, expences the year ensuing

6th To See if the Town will chuse a Committee to Settle with their Treasurer.

7th To See if the Town will prosecute the Sute Elias Carter against Eben^r W Baley, or act any thing respecting the sute as they may think proper

8th To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large the Year ensuing under the regulations of the law

9th To See if the Town will chuse an agent to prosecute their Sute against Harvard or act any thing there on.

10th To see if the Town will allow Joseph Tilden, what he had to allow John Willard, for takeing Elnithan Polly,s Tax bill to collect.

11th To see what Sum, or Sums of money the Town will raise to hire preaching or act any thing respecting raising money as they may think proper.

12th To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to Supply the pulpit the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

13th To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows or act any thing there on.

14th To See if the Town will allow any accounts that Shall be laid before them.

Carryed up—

[337] article 15th To See if the Town will raise Some money to pay for a Singing School, or act any thing there on they may think proper.

16th To Se if the Town will chuse one or more agents

to make writings with the Town of Gardner respecting Oliver Uptons Support.

Hereof, fail not, to make return of this warrent with your doings thereon to some one of us, on, or before Said day & time above mentioned

given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of February AD 1814.

John Willard	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonas Marshall Jr	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Daniel Farwell Jr	

Worcester, S.s. Fitchburg March 7th 1814.

Pursuant to the within warrent I have sumoned & notified the free holders & other Inhabitants qualified as therein Exspresed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned. Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on monday the 7th day of march 1814,

Voted & Chose William Cunningham, Jr Esqr Moderator.

Prayres by the Rev. Mr. Wood.

Voted & Chose Jonathan Haskell ^{Sworn} Town Clerk.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds ^{Sworn} Town Treasurer.

Voted, & Chose five Selectmen for the Year ensuing.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds, ^{Sworn} Timo. F Downe, ^{Sworn} Isaiah Putnam, ^{Sworn} Phillip F Cowdin ^{Sworn}, & Jonathan Thurston, ^{Sworn} Selectmen.

Voted & Chose Joseph Simonds, Timo. F Downe, & Isaiah Putnam Afesors. Sworn.

Voted & Chose Thomas ^{Sworn} Eaton, Samuel ^{Sworn} Phillips, Abijah Goodridge, Sam^l ^{Sworn} Hale, Joseph ^{Sworn} Carter, John ^{Sworn} Andrews, Amos Putnam, Jacob McIntire, Jabez ^{Sworn} Fairbanks, John ^{Sworn} Willard, Simon Marshall, Calvin Mefsender, Thomas ^{Sworn} Harrifs, Abel Farwell, David ^{Sworn} Baldwin, Amos ^{Sworn} Wheeler J, Reuben Smith 2^d & Thadeus Gray — Highway — Surveyors.

^{Sworn} mark ^S Voted & Chose, Thomas. Damon, John ^S Allen, W^m ^S Johnson, Sam^l ^S Hawes, John Eaton, Phinehas.

Sawyer, Jos. ^s. Cowdin, Jos. ^s. Heywood, Thomas ^s Sweetser, Jacob ^s. Jaquith Jr. Benj^a ^s. Wheeler, Jos. Lowe, ^s. William ^s. Carlton, & Stephen Adams,—Hog. Reaves. & Moses Cooper like wise.

proceedings Carried forward.

[338] ^s. Sworn mark. Voted & Chose Joseph ^s. Downe Jr & Nathan ^s. Ordway, Cullers of Staves.

Voted & Chose Thomas Eaton, Joseph Farwell and Daniel Mayo Fire wards.

Voted & Chose Daniel ^s. Farwell Jr. & James ^s. Cowdin—Field drivers

Voted & Chose Thomas Eaton—Pound keeper

Voted & Chose Seth Phillips, Thomas Thurston, Jonathan Thurston, & Levi Davis—Titheing men.

Voted & Chose John ^s. Willard, & Jonas ^s. Marshall Jr. Survey^r Lumber

Voted & Chose Phinehas ^s. Allen, Sam^l ^s. Gibson Jr Elijah McIntire Jun Fence Vewers

Voted & Chose Jon^a Haskell, Amos Pierce, Elijah Brown, Sam^l Taylor, Benjamin Fuller, Aaron Eaton, Thomas Carter, Daniel Flint, Joel Page, Jos. Richardson John Andrews, Joseph Upton, William Cunningham Jr Esqr & Doct Abel Fox,—School Committee.

Voted & Chose Levi Davis & William Carlton—Saxtons

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out The collection of Taxes.

\$800. Voted to raise Eight hundred hundred dollars for The repairing of highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

\$900. Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted that eight hundred & fifty dollars be devided according to the number of Schollars in each District, & that fifty dollars be devided amongst the most needy districts according to the discesion of the Selectmen.

Voted to pass over the 5th article. in the warrent

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to Settle with their Treasuer. Chose Doct Peter Snow, Oliver Fox, & W^m Cunningham, Esq

7th Article Voted to Chuse a Committe of five. on this

article with instructions to make due enquires into the merits of the case and to prosecute the Same if they find encouragement.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr, William Cunningham Jr Esqr John Shepley, Oliver Fox, & Doct. Peter Snow, Comittee
Voted to ad four, to this Comittee.

Chose, Joseph Richardson, Dea. Samuel Gibson, Asa Perry, & Calvin Willard Esqr.

Voted to pafs over the 8th article. in the warrent
9th article Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Agent to prosecute the Sute against the Town of Harvard.

Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 11th article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 12th article in the warrent

Voted to pafs over the 13th article in the warrent.

Voted to allow accompts against the Town, presented by John Willard, Joseph Downe, Jr Daniel Farwell, Jr & Jonas Marshall, Jr.

[339] Voted to raise fifty dollars for the expences of the Singing School, under the 15th article.

16th arti^c Voted to chuse one or more Agents to enter into writeings with the Town of Gardner, respecting the Support of Oliver Upton, voted to chuse a committee of three.

Voted & chose William Cunningham, Jr Esqr Calvin Willard, and Jonas Marshall, Jr Committee

Voted. to adjourn this meeting to the 1st monday in April next at one O.Clock P. M.

The Selectmen, provided, to let out the collection of Taxes, & the Poor, at the lowest bider at Isaiah Putnams, March 7th 1814 at 7. o'clock P. M. put up the collection of Taxes, of the South side of the Town bid off to Timothy Garfield at two dollars on the hundred = \$2.00 North side bid off, to Reuben Billings at \$2.00

per hundred = 2.00

The persons who may bid off the Poor, are to take them for one year, & comfortably to Board, lodge, & provide for them while in their usual health, allowance to be made them for expences of Sicknefs, and to be entitleed to Such Services as they may be able to perform

Ephraim Smith, bid off to Benja ^a Fuller, at 90 ^c per week	\$0.90
Samuel French, bid off to David Baldwin, for whom, said Baldwin, is to give one Cent per week	0.01
Mary Wares, bid off to Abial Holt, at 60 Cts per week	0.60
Rebecca Smith, bid off, to Jos. Carter at 20 cts per week	0.20
Jonas Spaldwin, bid off, to Jon ^a Wheeler at 70 Cts per. week.	0.70
Oliver Upton, bid off, to Joseph Phelps at 85 Cts. per, week	0.85
Putnam Perley, bid off, to Jon ^a Thurston, for whom, Said Thurston, is to give five Cents per week, and is not at liberty to dispose of him to any other person	0.05 ^c

April 4th The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee, Chosen to Settle with their Treasuer for the year Eighteen hundred & thirteen

The Committee Chosen by the Town at march meeting to Settle with the Treasuer have attended to that duty & report as follows. viz.

The Town Treasuer, D^r

To Cash recev ^d of Abial Holt being a compleation of his Collection for the year 1811	\$123.83
To Cash received of Joseph Carter being a bal- ance due on his collection of Taxes for the year 1811.	174.38
To Cash received of Oliver Fox Collector for the year 1812	554.76
To Cash recev ^d of Zachariah Sheldin Jr Collector for 1812	512.70
To Cash recev ^d of Sundry persons Exempted from Military duty	8.00
To Cash recev ^d of the Selectmen paid them by Cyrus Winship For the Support of Jonas Spaldwin	36.03

To Cash recev ^d of the Selectmen on another acc,t	3.00
To Cash recev ^d of Timo. Garfield Collector for 1813.	774.96
	<u>2187.66</u>

Amount carried forward—

[340] Treasurer accounts brot forward—Dr \$2187.66

Credit=

By. a balance due the Treasurer on Settlement	
March 15 th 1813	\$6.00
By Cash paid by him in orders which we have Examined and & compaired with the Registry of them on the Selectmens Book	2147.33
By allowance for his Services the year past	12.00
By Cash in the Treasurers hands	21.53
	<u>\$2187.66</u>

Error in Footing

Of, the Taxes afsted in the Years 1812 & 1813	
there are unaccounted for by Oliver Fox	\$100.35
And by Zachariah Sheldin Jr another Collector for the Same Years	84.10
And by Timo. Garfield Collector for 1813	1222.81
Peter Snow	} Committee
W ^m Cunningham Jr	
Oliver Fox.	

\$600. Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray the Exspences of the Town the Year ensuing.

Voted to excuse Abijah Goodridge, serving as highway Surveyor, Chose Asa Perry in his room.

Voted to excuse Reuben Smith Jr serving as, highway Surveyor & Chose Zachariah Sheldin

\$100. Voted to ad one hundred dollars to the Sum raised at March meeting, for the exspences of highways &c the year ensuing

Voted & Chose Timo. Sworn Garfield & Reuben Sworn Billings Collectors of Taxes the year ensuing, Reuben Billings Offered as Bondsmen, Dea. Jacob Jaquith & Daniel Farwell Jr, Timo. Garfield, Edward Durant & Joseph Carter—Who were Exseptd by the Town.

Voted & Chose Timothy Garfield & Reuben Billings Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

William Cunningham Jr Mod:

Jon^a Haskell, Town Clerk

[341] 1814 To Capt Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the mail
(L S) Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by
(L S) the Constitution to Vote for Governor & Leuten-
(L S) ant Governor and those who are qualified to vote
(L S) for Senetors & Councilors, to meet at the Towns
meeting house on monday the fourth day of April next,
at two of the clock, P. M. to give in their votes for a
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Councilors
agreeably to the Constitution, of said Comonwealth. —
given under our hands & Seals at Said Fitchburg this
fourteenth day of March AD 1814

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timo. F Downe.	
Isaiah Putnam	
Phillip F Cowdin	
Jon ^a Thurston	

Worcester, fs. April 4th 1814 pursuant to the within
warrent, I have notafied and warned the mail Inhabi-
tants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as theren ex-
spres^d to meet and asemble at the time & place & for the
purposes therein mentioned

Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg Assembled on Monday the fourth day of April
1814 to vote for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators &
Councilors, The meeting being opened, votes, for the fol-
lowing persons, were given in, Sorted, Counted, recorded,
and declaration thereof made as follows,—viz . . .

For Governor.	{ His Ex. Caleb Strong 145
	{ Hon. Samuel Dexter 149
Lieut Govenor.	{ Hon William Phillips 146
	{ Hon William Gray 148

The above damages to be paid on or before the first day of march next . . .

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen
Timo. F Downe	
Isaiah Putnam	
Phillip F. Cowdin	

Fitchburg May 2^d 1814.

Recev^d & Recorded May 2^d 1814.

. Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

[343] Road laid out from Jonas Marshall Jr to Seth Phillips Bridge

The following is a description of a road laid out by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg for the use and benefitt of Said Town, (viz) begining at a heap of Stones near the Brook by Jonas Marshall Jr and runs west 37° South 54 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence South 34° west 20 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence South 10° west 20 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence South 45° west 20 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 35° South 111 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 40° South 37 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 26° South 12 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 14° South 24 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 34° South 16 rods, to a Stake & Stones, thence west 30° South 14 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 7° South nine rods to a Stake & Stones, Thence west 8° north 17 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 13° South 36 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 36° South 44 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 15° South 22 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence west 40° South 20 Rods to a Stake & Stones, thence South 39° west 32 rods, to an oak tree, thence South 7° west 12 rods to a Chesnutt Tree, thence west 30° north 40 rods to a Chesnutt tree, thence west 46° north 57 rods to the Town road near the Bridge by Seth Phillip,s, the above road to lie on the north side of said Bounds, the road to be two rods wide, Said road runing through Lands owned by Jonas Marshall Jr. no damages to pay provided, the Town discontinue the old road through his Land which leads by, where, Aaron Darby lately lived — also through land owned by the Fitchburg. C. M. Corporation no damages—also throug

land owned by Verin Daniels no damages—also through land assigned as dower to the widow Lucy Eaton damages \$20.00
also through Land owned by Robert Sampson, the Town to make a fence on one side of the road—also through land owned by Joshua Phillips. damages Fifty dollars . \$50.00

Fitchburg May 2^d 1814.

Timothy F. Downe }
Isaiah Putnam } Selectmen
Phillip F. Cowdin }

Recev^d & Recorded May 2^d 1814.

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

[344] Road near Benja^a Kemps.

The following is a description of a private way laid out by the Subscribers for the use of Benjamin Kemp & others, as follows, (viz) begining at a Stake & Stones on the west side of the Town road near Joel Eatons, thence west 41° north 32 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence north 5° west 6 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 17° west 7½ rods to a Stake & Stones thence west 40° north 6 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 9° west 20 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 33° west 26 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence north 4° west 18 rods, thence north 44° west, 32 rods to a Stake & Stones, Said way to be one and a half rods wide, and to lie on the east Side of said Courses. dated at Fitchburg 23 day of april 1814

Timothy. F. Downe }
Isaiah Putnam } Selectmen
Phillip F. Cowdin }

Recev^d & recorded May 2^d 1814

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

To Timothy Garfield one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Comonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notafy and
(L S) warn the mail Inhabitants of the said Town being
(L S) twenty one years of age, and resident in Said
(L S) Town for the space of one year next preceeding,
(L S) haveing a free hold Estate within Said Town, of

the anual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to meet at the Towns meeting house on monday the 2^d day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of Chuseing one or more Repräsentitives to represent them at the general Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next

hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrent with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg the twelvth day of April AD 1814

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen Fitchburg
Timothy F Downe	
Jon ^a Thurston	

Fitchburg May 2^d 1814 Pursuant to the within warrent I have notified and warned the maile inhabitants of Said Town qualified as there in expresed, to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned
Timo. Garfield—Constable

[345] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on monday May 2^d 1814.

The meeting being opened & the warrent read, the Selectmen proceded

Voted not to send a Repräsentitive the present year.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

To Timothy Garfield one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Comonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn
(L S) the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
(L S) Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to
(L S) meet and asemble at Said Towns meeting house
(L S) on monday the 2^d day of may next at four of the
Clock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will except of any Roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To See if the Town will purchase of its Proprietors, the meeting house in which the late Calvinistic, Congragational Society in this place used to convene, and convert the Same into a Town Hall, & an Academy.

4th To see if the Town will Petition the general Court for such grants as has been usually made for the encouragement and endowment of Academies—and whether they will appoint an Agent to present & Support the Same.

hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrent with your doings there on to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals the twelvth day of April AD 1814

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timothy. F. Downe	
Isaiah Putnam	
Philip. F. Cowdin	
Jon ^a Thurston.	

Fitchburg May 2^d 1814.

Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified & warned the mail Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Timothy Garfield, Cons

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled May 2^d 1814

Voted & Chose, Joseph Simonds Moderator.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

[346] To Timothy Garfield one of the Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to sumons &
 (L S) notify the free holders and other inhabitants of
 Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town

meetings, to assemble at the Towns meeting house on thursday the twenty six day of May Instant at three of the Oclock P. M. to act on the following articles 1st viz.

1st to Chuse a Moderator to govern Said Meeting.

2^d To See if the Town will authorize Jonas Marshall Jr to Refer the Action — Elias Carter against Eber. W. Baley or act any thing thereon.

3^d To if the Town will make Dea. Joseph Tilden any additional allowance for damages of the new road, through his Land, or act any thing there on.

4. To See if the Town will accept of a Bridle road lately laid out by the Selectmen, for the Accomodation of Benjamin Kemp & others or act any thing there on.

given under our hands & Seals this ninth day of May AD 1814.

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen
Timo. F. Downe.	
Isaiah Putnam	

1814 May 26. agreeable to the within Warrent. I have Notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quified by law to vote in Town meeting at time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled the 26 day of May 1814. the meeting being opened.

1st Voted & Chose Edward Durant Esqr Moderator.

2^d Voted that the Town give Jonas Marshall Jr. power to Refer the Case now in Court Elias Carter against Eber. W. Baly as he may think proper

3^d Voted to allow Dea. Joseph Tilden Seventeen dollars in addition to what the Selectmen apprised the damages, for the new Road being laid out through his land, which together with the addition amounts to one hundred dollars — which sum Dea. Joseph Tilden agreed to accept.

4th Voted to accept the report of a Bridle Road lately laid out by the Selectmen for the accomodation of Benjamin Kemp & others the Road to be made without any Exspence to the Town for damages.

5th Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Edward Durant, Mod^r

Jonathan Haskell Town, Cler.

[347] Worcester, fs. To either of Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
(L S) warn, the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
(L S) Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote for
(L S) Representative in the State Legislature, to meet &
(L S) assemble at the Towns meeting house, on monday
the Seventh day of November next at one of the Clock
P.M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester north district for the fourteenth Congress of the United States.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrent with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day of October AD 1814

Joseph Simonds.	{	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timo. F Downe		
Isaiah. Putnam		
Philip. F. Cowdin		
Jon ^s Thurston.	}	

Agreecable to the within warent, I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified as within discribed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, assembled on monday the Seventh day of November AD 1814 it being the first monday of Said month. for the purpose of chusing a Representative (for the worcester north district, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) to Represent them in the fourteenth Congress of the United States.

Votes for the following Persons were given in, Sorted,

Counted, & declaration thereof made as by law in District to wit.

for Hon. Solomon Strong one hundred & ten . . . 110
for Edmund Cushing Esqr fifty two . . . 52

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timo. F. Downe	
Isaiah Putnam.	
Phillip. F. Cowdin.	
Jona Thurston.	
Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler.	

[348] 1814 Nov. 3^d This may Certify, that we the Subscribers, this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the Town of Fitchburg & the Town of Leominster agreeable to a law of this Common wealth in the presance of Rufus Kendall & Abel Carter, Selectmen of Leominster

Timothy. F. Downe	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaiah Putnam	

1814 Nov. 8. We the Subscribers two of the Selectment of Fitchburg & two of the Selectmen of Ashburnham, this day perambulated the lines between the two Towns, & renewed the bounds according to law.

Timothy. F. Downe	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Phillip. F. Cowdin	
Elisha White.	} Selectmen of Ashburnham
William. J. Lawrence	

1814 Nov. 9. We, The Subscribers of the Town of Fitchburg and Ashby this day perambulated the lines between Said Towns and renewed the bounds, according to law.

Timothy. F. Downe	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Phillip. F. Cowdin	
Cushing Burr.	} Selectmen of Ashby
Oliver Kendall.	

1814 Nov 10 This may Certify that we the Subscribers have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the Town of Lunenburg & the Town of

Fitchburg agreeable to a law of the Commonwealth
 passed March 23^d 1786 Esek Whiteing) Selectmen of
 Thomas. Stearns) Lunenburg.
 Timothy. F Downe) Selectmen of
 Phillip F. Cowdin) Fitchburg

1814 Nov 12 This is to Certify that we the Subscrib-
 ers have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the
 bounds, between the Towns of Fitchburg & westminster
 agreeable to law of this commonwealth passed march 23^d
 1786. Timo. F Downe) Selectmen of
 Phillip. F. Cowdin) Fitchburg
 Joel Whitney) Selectmen of
 Isaac Williams) Westminster.

the above Recev^d & Recorded Nov 24, 1814 by
 Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

[349] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of
 the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
 (L S) warn the free holders and other Male Ihabitants
 (L S) of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote
 (L S) in Town meetings, (viz) those above the age of
 (L S) twenty one Years, haveing resided in Town one
 Year next preceding the Sixth of March next, and liable
 to be Taxed, are qualified to Vote for Town officers; and
 those who have actualy been Taxed the Year preceding
 are qualified to vote in all Other Town affairs) to afsem-
 ble at the Towns Meeting house on monday the Sixth day
 of March next, at nine O.Clock A. M. to act on the fol-
 lowing articles, viz

Art. 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Art. 2^d To chuse a Clerk, Treasuer, and all other
 Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing in re-
 gard to chusing collectors, the Town may think proper.

Art. 3. To See what Sum or Sums of money the
 Town will raise for the Support of Schools the year en-
 suing or act anything thereon in regard to laying out
 Said money they may think proper.

Art. 4. To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and Bridges the Year Ensuing or act anything thereon.

Art. 5. To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Expences the Year ensuing.

Art. 6. To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Settle with their Treasurer

Art. 7. To see if the Town will the Swine to run at large the Year ensuing under the regulation of the law.

Art. 8. To See what order the Town will take respecting a demand made on their Treasurer by the 12th School District, for the Sum of ninety dollars.

Art. 9 To See if the Town will make any alterations in any of the highway Districts or act anything there on

Art 10. To See if the Town will grant liberty to the first School District to Build a School house on the Common near the old School house, or act any thing there on

Art. 11 To See if the Town will pass a vote to restrain neat Cattle from going at large in the highways, the Year Ensuing.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warent with your doings thereon to Sum one of the Subscribers on, or before said Day & time afore mentioned.

Given, under our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day of Febr^y AD 1815.

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen
Timo. F. Downe.	
Jon ^a Thurston.	
	} of Fitchburg

[350] Worcester fs. By Virtue of the within Warent I have notified and Warned the free holders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned as the law directs Timothy Garfield Cons!

Fitchburg March 6. 1815

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 6. day of March

AD 1815. the Meeting being opened Voted and Chose William Cunningham Jr Esq Moderator.

Prayrs made by the Rev Mr Eaton.

Voted and Chose Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk—Sworn

Jonas Marshall Jr Town Treasurer . . Sworn

Voted & Chose Phillip. F. Cowdin, Ephraim Kimball Jr, Daniel Farwell Jr. Joseph Downe Jr and Levi Farwell, Selectmen Sworn

Voted & Chose Phillip. F. Cowdin, Ephrim Kimball Jr and Levi Farwell Assesors Sworn

Voted & Chose William Cunningham Jr Esq } over Seers
Jonas Marshall Jr. } Poor
Calvin Willard Esq }

Voted and Chose James ^s Cowdin, Benjamin ^s Flint, Joseph ^s Farwell, Phillip F. Cowdin, Payson ^s Williams, Amos Putnam J, Israel Wetherbee, Jeremiah ^s Kinsman, Luke ^s Wetherbee, Elnithan ^s Polly, Nahaman ^s Hastings, Joseph Lowe, Elezar Sautle, Benjamin Sheldin, Ephraim ^s Hartwell Jr, Asa ^s Farwell, James ^s Kemp, & Thomas Hilton—Highway Survey^s

Voted & Chose Natt ^s Cowdin, Arington Gibson, Jacob Stickney, Doct. Abel Fox, Jonathan ^s Flint Jr, Joseph ^s Gray, Eri Carlton, Thadeus Gray, Moses Hale, Samuel Wetherbee, Perley McIntire, Elnithan Polly Jr, Abraham Bennett J. Stephen ^s Sylvester, Ephraim Osborn J. Rufus Pratt, Jonas. L. Bettifs—Hog Reeves

Voted & Chose Benjamin ^s Kemp & Joseph Downe J
. Cullers of Staves

Voted and Chose, Joseph Farwell, Isaiah Putnam, Oliver Fox Fire wards

Voted and Chose David ^s Bolton, John ^s Willard,
. Field Drivers

Voted and Chose Jonas Marshall J . . Pound Keeper

Voted & Chose David Boutell, Nehemiah ^{Sworn} Giles, & Jonas ^{Sworn} Marshall J, Tithingmen

Voted & Chose John Willard, & Joseph Upton
. Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and Chose Nathan ^s Ordway, Jabez ^s Sawyer, Payson ^s Williams Fence Vewers

[351] Voted and Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Joshua

Goodridge, David Low, Ephraim Osborn, Jr Joseph Downe J, Josiah Hartwell, William Carter Josiah Brown, Abel Farwell, Samuel Phelps, Amos Lawrence Jr, William Cunningham Jr. School Committee.

Appointment of Saxtons, refered to Selectmen. . . .

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the Collection of Taxes

\$900. Voted to raise nine hundred Dollars for the Support of Schools the Year Ensuing—and the money be devided among the several Districts, one half of it according to the number of Schollars in the District and the other half according to the valuation of each District.

Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars for the repairs of Highways & Bridges

Voted to pass over the 5th Article.

Voted & Chose Paul Wetherbee, William Cunningham, and Oliver Fox, Committee to Settle with the Treasuer.

Voted to pass over the 7th and 8th Articles in the warent.

Voted & Chose Jacob Jaquith, Jos. Richardson & Phillip. F. Cowdin Committee on the 9th Article to Survey the road and report on the Same.

Voted to restrain the neat Cattle the Year Ensuing from going a Stray.

Voted to refer the 10th article to the Selectmen and that they report on the same at the adjournment

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 1st monday in April at one O.Clock in the after noon.

The Selectmen being a Committee to let out the Collection of Taxes met at Isaiah Putnams at 6. O.Clock

North Side of the Town bid of to Joseph Carter at per hundred \$1.99

South Side bid of to Joseph Carter at 1.94

Towns Poor^{Box} The over Seers of the Poor also met at the same place and let out the Poor as follows, viz.

Samuel Talor bid of .	Ephraim Smith at per week	\$1.00
Daniel Farwell Jr . .	Samuel French at Do	“ .10 ^c
Aaron Eaton Do . .	Mary Wares at Do	“ 1.06
George Wood Jr Do .	Rebecca Smith Do	“ .20

Benjamin Fuller	Jonas Spauldwin	Do	"	.59
Joel Page	Oliver Upton	Do	"	.75

The above Poor to be Comfortably provided for, at the above prices while in Health, allowance to be made for the Exspences of Sicknefs, and are to be kept one Year.

April. 3. The Town met agreeable to adjournment April 3^d 1815.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with their Treasuer

\$600. Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray the exspences of the Town the Year ensuing, agreeable to the 5th Ar. in Warent.

\$90.00 Voted that ninety dollars be paid over to the 12th School District agreeable to the 8th Ar in the warent. Carry^d forward.

[352] Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen at the anual Meeting in March, for the purpose of makeing alterations in the highway Districts agreeable to the 9th article in the warent, and that a new district be formed. (for particulars See report of Committee)—on this page

Voted & Chose Samuel Phelps highway Surveyor for the new District.

Voted that the District No. 1. have leave to Erect a School House on the Common land, according to a verbal report of the Selectmen, as follows, that the Building Shall not extend north from the land of Geo. W. Chaplin above thirty feet, and be Set West on land of Robert Allens, and to be retained by the District so long as occupied for the use of a School House, upon Such a Consideration as Shall be agreed upon by the District and the Selectmen.

Report of Com^e on New District April 3^d 1815

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee at the anual March Meeting to Vew the Situation of the Inhabitants, and Roads, in the northardly part of the Town, have accordingly met & attended to the Buisnefs

and beg leave to report, that Amos Lawrence, Amos Lawrence Jr, Amasa Sylvester, John Andrews, Daniel Kinsman, Jeremiah Kinsman, Sam^l Caswell, and Samuel Caswell Jr. be formed into a District, and the Said Inhabitants agree to take the Road, from Asby line (by Said Inhabitants) to the white oak tree, below Mr Samuel Phelps, together with the Road from the Said Lawrences, to Perl hill School House

Jacob Jaquith Phillip F. Cowdin Joseph Richardson.	}	Committee
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Voted and Chose Joseph Carter Constable and Collector of Taxes for the presant year, presented as Bondsmen Joshua Phillips and Ephraim Hartwell Jr to the acceptance of the Town—Sworn into both offices.

Voted to reconsider the vote pased in March, on the 3^d Art. for laying out the school money, and on Motion

Voted, that one hundred dollars of the money raised for for the Suport of Schools, be devided among the most needy Districts, according to the discretion of the Selectmen, and the remaining \$800. to be divided according to the number Scholars in each District.

Voted to Desolve the Meeting.

William Cuningham Jr Mod^r
Jonathan Haskell Town Cler

NB.—Report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with their Treasuer on next Leaf

[353] Road laid out by the Selectmen North part Town.

The following is a description of a Road laid out by the Subscribers in the northerly part of the Town (viz), begining at the northeast of the new Road leading from the Meeting house to Ashby at a certain white oak tree, one rod east of Said tree, thence North 38° East 30 rods on Land of Samuel Phelps to a Stake and Stones, thence North 24° East 14 rods to a Stake and Stones on land of Dea. Jacob Jaquith, thence North 20. East 12 rods partly on Land of Jacob Jaquith and partly on Land of Samuel Phelps to a Stake and Stones.

We Estimate the Damages to Dea. Jacob Jaquith at

twelve dollars \$12.00 Said Road to be two rods wide, the Bounds are all on the East Side of Said Road.

Philip. F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Ephraim Kimball Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Levi Farwell.		

Recev^d and recorded April 3^d 1815

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk.

Road laid out by the Selectmen through Land of David Boutell

The Subscribers haveing been requested by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, to lay out a Town road through land owned by David Boutell, have attended to that sevice in the following manner to wit, begining at a Stake and Stones near the N. W. corner of Said Boutells Garden, from thence running north twenty five degrees east, Sixty four and an half rods to a Stake and Stones at the road near the House occupied by Joseph. J. Souther, Said road is to be two rods wide, and lays on the westerly side of Said bounds, we have agreed with the said Boutell in the Sum of two hundred dollars as damage for Said road, the road to be made after the first day of September and opened the first day of November next at which time payment is to be made, and the old road Discontinued, west, of the new one.

Fitchburg April, 1st 1815

Phillip. F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Ephraim Kimball Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Levi Farwell		

Recev^d and recorded April 3, 1815

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

Road laid out by the request of Daniel M^cIntire

The following is a description of a road laid out by the Subscribers at the request of Daniel McIntire, and bounded as follows (viz) beginging at a Stake and Stones at the west Side of the road near the House of Jacob McIntire, from thence runs west 1^o North on land of Jacob

McIntire, s twenty Seven rods to a Stake and Stones on the line between the Said McIntires, the road to be one & a half rods wide, and lays on the north Side of Said Bounds, damage Estimated at thirty eight dollars

		\$38.00
Phillip. F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg	
Ephraim Kimball Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Joseph Downe Jr		
Levi Farwell		

Fitchburg April 1, 1815.

Recorded by Jon^a Haskell Town Cler.

[354] Committee^s Report of a Settlement with Town Treasurer April 3^d 1815.

The Committee Chosen by the Town to Settle with their Treasurer report as follows, (viz)

To ballance in his hands on Settlement March 25, 1814	\$21.53
To Cash recev ^d at Sundry times of Oliver Fox in completion of his Collection for 1812	95.45
To Cash recev ^d of Zacher ^r Sheldin Jr in Completion of his Collection of Taxes for 1812	82.10
To Cash of Timothy Garfield on acct ^t of his Collection of Taxes for the Year 1813	1093.77
To Do. of Reuben Billings for his Collection for the Year 1814	225.54
To Cash of S. Houghton for Exemption from Military duty for 1814	2.00
To Cash Recv ^d of the Inhabitants of Harvard on a/c their note to the Town	155.00
	<u>\$1675.39</u>

Credit

By payments made upon orders of the Selectmen, which we have carefully compared with the Book, & Exam ^d	\$1659.83
By his allowance as Treasurer	12
By Cash in full paid over to Jonas Marshall Jr his Succesor	3.56
	<u>1675.39</u>

From the foregoing Statement it appears that there is due from Timo. Garfield on his Collection for the Year 1813	129.04
There is due on the Same from his collection for the Year 1814	771.90
There is due from Reuben Billings for his Collection for the Year 1814	502.15
Due from the Inhabitants of Harvard on their note to the Town, of April 25, 1814 Exclusive of Interest	220.31
	<u>\$1623.40</u>

And in this state the Books & Vouchers, are transferred to Jonas Marshall Jr Treasurer of the Town chosen at their last meeting.

Oliver Fox	} Committee
W ^m Cunningham Jr	
Joseph Simonds—Ex Treasurer	
Jonas Marshall Jr Treasurer.	

Recorded from the Committee,s Report at April Meeting 1815. Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

[355] Worcester fs, To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to warn the
 (L S) mail Inhabitants of the Said Town of Fitchburg
 (L S) of twenty one years of age and upwards haveing
 (L S) a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the
 (L S) anuel Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet and afsemble at the Meeting house in Said Fitchburg on Monday the third day of April next at two oclock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Govenor, Leut Govenor, Senators & Councelors agreeable to the Constitution of Said Commonwealth. hereof fail not and make due return of this warent to some one of us on or before Said day. given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March AD 1815.

Phillip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen
Ephraim Kimball Jr	
Daniel Farwell Jr	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Levi Farwell.	

Worcester fs. In Compliance with the within Warrent I have Notified and warned the Mail Inhabitants in Said Town of Fitchburg qualified as within expressed to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Timothy Garfield, Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, holden on the 3^d day of April 1815 being the first monday in Said month, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Govenor, Lut Govenor, Senators & Councillors, the whole number of votes were given in, were Sorted, Counted and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons

for Govenor.	His Ex. Caleb Strong	142
for Hon "	Samuel Dexter	136
Leut Govenor	Hon. William Phillips	142
" "	Hon. William Gray	136
for Senators & Councillors	Hon. Silas Holman	142
	Benja ^a Adams	141
	Moses Smith	141
	Oliver Crosby Esqr	141
	Moses White	135
	Joseph Adams	135
	Edmund Cushing	135
	Jonas Sebley	135
	Phillip. F. Cowdin	} Selectmen
	Joseph Downe Jr	
	Daniel Farwell Jr	
	Ephm Kimball Jr	
	Levi Farwell.	

Attest Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk.

[356] Worcester fs. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs to meet and afsemble at the Meeting house on Monday the third day

of April at four OClock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz.

1. To Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting.

2^d To Se if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

3^d To Se if the Town will empower the overseers of the Poor to commence any Suit against any Town respecting — Paupers

4th To Se if the Town will give leave to place any Stables on the Common, back of the Meeting House.

hereby fail not and make a return of this Warrent to some one of us on or before Said day. given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of March AD 1815.

Phillip. F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr		
Daniel Farwell Jr		
Ephraim Kimball Jr		
Levi Farwell.	}	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within Warrent I have Notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to Vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at place and time and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Garfield Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg. Assembled April 3^d 1815. the Meeting being opened Voted & Chose William Cuninghame Jr. Mod^r

Art. 1 Voted to accept a report of the Selectmen of a road laid out by them Through land of David Boutell, (as per record on this Book)

Art. 2 Voted accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Dea. Jacob Jaquith, provided the road be made free of expence to the Town, and the damage of the Land not to exceed twelve dollars

Art. 3 Voted that the over Seers of the Poor may commence and Carry on to final Judgment and Execution, any Action or Suit, which they may think proper to bring Concerning any Pauper, whose case they may consider interesting to the Town.

Art. 4. Voted that a Committee be appointed to allot parts of the Common back of the Meeting house, should they Judge it expedient, for Stables to Stand upon, and that they let the privelages at public Auction to the highest bider, and make conveyance of the Same on Conditions conformable to the terms on which the Town have the right to the Land on—

Carry^d up—

[357] Which the Meeting house Stands. Chose on the said Committee William Cunningham Jr, Joseph Simonds, Nehemiah Giles, Jonas Marshall Jr, Joseph Richardson, Daniel Farwell Jr, Edward Durant, Doct. Peter Snow, Martin Newton, & Asa Perry—Committee.—Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

William Cunningham J Mod^r

April 3^d 1815. . . Jonathan Haskell Town Clerk

Bond—Jos. Upton & others

Know all Men by these presents that we Joseph Upton, Jonathan Thurston, Leonard Burbank, Calvin Messenger, Joseph Low, Thomas Litch, Benj^a Wheeler, Simon Marshall, William Kilborn, Oliver Fox, Nahaman Hastings, Elias Messenger Amos Wheeler, Abel Thurston, all of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Common wealth of Mafsachusetts are held and Stand firmly bound unto the Town of Fitchburg, in the Sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid to the Said Town of Fitchburg or their certain attorney; to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our Selves, our heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents: Sealed with our Seals. Dated the 3^d day of April AD 1815. . . .

The Condition of this obligation is Such, that if the above bounden Josep Upton, Jonathan Thurston, Leonard Burbank, Calvin Messenger, Joseph Low, Thomas Litch Benjamin Wheeler, Simon Marshall, William Kilburn, Oliver Fox, Nahaman Hastings, Elias Messenger Amos Wheeler & Abel Thurston, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators do, and shall well & truly make or cause to be made, a good and pafsible Road in the course of nine months from the date of these presents, begining at or

near the north west Corner of Mr David Bontell,s Garden and runs northerdly through Said Bontells Orchard to or near the House where Joseph. J. Souther now lives, to the acceptance of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, provided the laying out of Said road is accepted by the Town Fitchburg this day as laid out by the Selectmen, and the Selectmen neglect or refuse to examine Said road forty eight hours after being notified of the completion of it, then this Obligation is to be void otherways to remain in full force. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presance of us.

Thomas Cowdin	} Witnefs	Joseph Upton 0
Isaiah Putnam		Jona. Thurston 0
		Leonard Burbank 0
		Calvin Mefsenger 0
		Joseph Lowe 0
		Thomas Litch . : . . . 0
		Benjamin Wheeler 0
		Simon Marshall 0
		William Kilborn 0
		Oliver Fox 0
		Nahaman Hastings 0
		Elias Mefsenger 0
		Amos Wheeler 0
		Abel Thurston 0
A true copy		Jon ^a Haskell Town Clerk

[358] Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the Mail Inhabitants of said Town being
(L S) twenty one years of age, and resident in Said
(L S) Town for the space of one year next preceding,
(L S) haveing a free hold Estate within said Town of
the anual income of three pounds or any Estate to the
value of Sixty pounds to meet at the Meeting house in
Fitchburg on thursday the the Eleventh day of May next
at one oclock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choos-
ing one, or more Repräsentatives to represent them at

the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

hereof fail not and make a return of this warent with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before Said day

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fifth day of April AD 1815.

Phillip F Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Ephraim Kimball J	
Daniel Farwell Jun ^r	
Joseph Downe Jun ^r	
Levi Farwell,	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Joseph Carter Constable.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Thursday the Eleventh day of May AD 1815. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the general Court be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday in of this present month, the Meeting being opened The Selectmen presided.

1st Motion^d & Seconded Not to Send a Representative, the motion being tried

Voted not to Send a Representative.

3^d Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Jon^a Haskell Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting. You are hereby required in
 (L S) the name of the common wealth of Mafsachusetts
 (L S) to notify and Warn the free holders, and other
 (L S) Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by law to vote
 (L S) in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meet-
 (L S) inghouse on Thursday the Eleventh day of May
 (L S) next at two oclock in the afternoon to act on the
 following articles viz:

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
carried forward —

[359] 2^d To see if the Town will accept of any
Roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

3^d To see if the Town will make any Compensation
to the Soldiers Detached in the Year 1814—that is to say
James Kemp, Andrew Poor, Levi Pratt, and Joel Eaton,
or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

4th To see if the Town will raise any Sum, or Sums
of money for necessary Expences.

5th To see what method the Town will take respecting
an order of Notice from the General Court to Shew cause
if any they have why the prayr of the Petitioners in the
Westerly part of Fitchburg to be incorporated into a new
Town, should not be granted, or Act any thing thereon
as they may think proper.

fail not and make a return of this Warent to some
one of us on or before said day

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty fifth day
of April AD 1815.

Phillip. F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Ephraim Kimball Jun ^r	
Joseph Downe Jun ^r	
Daniel Farwell Jun ^r	
Levi Farwell.	

Worcester fs. pursuant to the within warent I have
notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said Town, quali-
fied as therein expresed to meet at the time and place
and for the purposes within Mentioned.

Joseph Carter Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg asembled May 11th 1815. The meeting being
opened, voted and

Art^l 1. Chose William Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

Art 2^d Voted to pass over this article for the presant.

Art 3. Voted to make up the Wagers of the Soldiers
who were Detached in 1814 to twelve dollars per month
(viz) James Kemp, Andrew Poor, Levi Pratt and Joel Eaton.

Art—4. Voted to raise two hundred dollars, in addi-

tion to the Sum raised in march, for the current expences of the Town \$200.00

Art—5. Voted to choose an Agent to send to the General Court, to oppose the Petition of Jonas Smith and others for a new Town.

Voted and Chose John Shepley Esqr Agent.

Voted to allow him the same pay and Travel as are allowed to Representatives, voted to Chuse a Committee of five to draft a Remonstrance and Confer with the Agent on the Subject.

Voted and Chose Doct. Peter Snow, Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr. Phillip. F. Cowdin, and Joseph Richardson—Committee.

Took up the 2^d article in the warent, and Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out through Land of Jacob McIntire, by the request of Daniel McIntire, provided it be no expence to the Town.

Voted to pafs over the report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Phinehas Hartwell, and Eph^m Hartwell.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

W^m Cunningham Jr Moderator

Attest

Jon^a Haskell Town Clerk.

[360] Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L. S.) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote
(L. S.) in Town affairs to meet and afsemble at the
meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the
twenty eighth day of August instant at three O'clock in
the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what method the Town will take to settle the cost, that has arisen in the family of Jacob Fullam on account of having the smallpox, or act any thing respecting the business, as the Town may think proper.

3^d To choose a Town clerk.

4th To see if the Town will erect, or cause to be erected, upon their common a Liberty pole, and choose any agent, or agents, to superintend such erection, or act any thing further on the subject, which the Town may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1815.

Joseph Downe Jr.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Farwell	
Levi Farwell	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified, as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Joseph Carter, Constable.

A true copy, Att^s

John Shepley, Town Clerk

[361] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled August 28th 1815.

Art 1st Chose Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2^d article for the present.

3^d Art. Voted and chose John Shepley Esq. Town Clerk.

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds Clerk pro. tem.

Voted to take up the second article.

Voted that the several bills for the expence incurred by Jacob Fullam's family be read before the Town.

Voted to choose a Committee to examine the aforesaid bills, and also to enquire into the circumstances of Jacob Fullam's property.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Daniel Farwell and Joseph Downe Jr. for the aforesaid Committee.

Voted to add the remaining members of the board of Selectmen to said Committee.

Voted to give the above Committee discretionary powers respecting allowing the aforesaid bills, and with regard to prosecuting a suit at law for the recovery of any part of said expence.

4th art. Voted that Mr. Z. Sheldon & others have liberty to erect a liberty pole at their own expence on or near the spot where the late pole stood.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator

Joseph Simonds, Clerk pro. tem.

A true copy, as received by,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the sixth day of September, 1815, and before the attestation before made by the said John Shepley, as Town Clerk, he, the said Shepley, was duly sworn before William Cunningham Jr. Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, to the faithful and impartial discharge of the Office of Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[362] The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of the Inhabitants of the northerly part of said Town, on the twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, did lay out, and do hereby lay out a Town way, near the House of Abijah Hartwell, described as follows, viz. beginning at a chesnut tree near the brook, on land of Phinehas Hartwell, and runs South 17° west 51 rods to an angle; thence South 22° west 20 rods to an angle, thence South 20° west 8 rods to an angle, thence South 10° west 24 rods to the new road lately laid out round Litch's hill, so called; Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the west side thereof Phinehas and Ephraim Hartwell, being the owners of the land over which the road aforesaid runs, were duly notified, and attended us in the laying out of the same. And we estimate the damage to the said Phinehas at 50 dollars, and to the said Ephraim at \$25.00, which they do not agree to accept. All which is submitted for the acceptance and approval of the Town. Fitchburg November, 25, 1815.

Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen
Daniel Farwell } of
Joseph Downe Jr } Fitchburg

Rec^d and recorded, December 2^d 1815. By

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

same Road accepted Apr. 6, 1818 see page 399

The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of certain Inhabitants of the northerly part of said Town, have laid out the following described road, as a Town way, viz, beginning at Ashby line, and runs South ten degrees west nineteen rods to an angle, thence South forty one rods, thence South five degrees east twenty two rods, thence South 5° west, 8 rods, thence South 12° west 20 rods, thence South thirty degrees west [363] 8 rods, thence South 23° west, 14 rods, thence South 14° west 16 rods, thence South 38° west 20 rods, thence South 36° west 13 rods, thence South 25° west, 14. rods. All the angles are bounded by stake and stones. The said road is two rods wide, and lays on the east side of the bounds above mentioned, being the same road, that is now trodden, except a short piece, that runs over land of Micah Shattuck. The damages arising from the laying out of said road to Mr. Shattuck we estimate at 5.00. Mr. Shattuck was duly notified, and was present, when we attended the business of laying out said road, and is not satisfied with the sum allowed him in damages. All which is Submitted to the Town for acceptance and approval.

Fitchburg, Nov. 29. 1815.

Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen
Daniel Farwell } of
Joseph Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Rec^d and recorded December 2^d 1815. by,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Accepted March 24th 1816 see page 374

The Subscribers, a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, at the request of Josiah and Benjamin Hartwell, this twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, do lay out a Town and private way, for the use of the said Josiah and Benjamin, inhabitants of said Town, and for public convenience, of the description following, viz, beginning at a stake and stones near the house of the said Josiah and Benjamin, and runs east 45° south 116½ rods to an angle, thence east 40° south 18 rods to an angle, thence south

19^o east 52 rods to the road near the House of Joshua Phillips. Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the east side thereof. We estimate the damage to Joshua and Samuel Phillips, owners of the land, over which the road above described runs, who were duly notified, and present at the location thereof, at 70.00 to the said Joshua, and \$60.00, to the said Samuel, which they are

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are unwilling to accept. All which is submitted for acceptance and approval.

Fitchburg, Nov. 25, 1815. Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr. } of
Daniel Farwell } Fitchburg

Received and recorded December 2, 1815, by

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Joseph Carter, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L. S.) warn the freholders and other Inhabitants of
(L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote
in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town's meetinghouse on monday the fourth day of December next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or their order.

3^d To see if the Town will compensate Joseph Upton and Joseph Lowe for a road laid through their land.

4th To see if the Town will make any repairs, additions, or aterations, on, or in, their meetinghouse, or act any thing respecting such repairs, additions, or alterations, they may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will make any additional compensation to the Rev. Titus T. Barton for a road laid through his land.

6th To see if the Town will fence their burying ground near Thomas Eaton's.

7th To see if the Town will sell their land, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this [365] Dec^r 1815.

thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1815.

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant to some of us on or before said day.

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Eph ^m Kimball Jr.	
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Levi Farwell	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprest to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Fitchburg, December the 4th 1815.

Joseph Carter, Constable of Fitchburg.

A true copy, Attest,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and return thereon, assembled at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of December, 1815, at one of the clock in the after noon; the meeting is opened, and then,

Voted to choose a Moderator by nomination.

Chose Capt. Philip F. Cowdin, Moderator.

Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen in favor of laying out a road from Ephraim Hartwell's to the new road by Litch's hill.

Voted to pass over the report of the Selectmen respecting laying out a road beginning at Ashby line.

Voted to pass over the report of the Selectmen respecting laying out a road at the request of Josiah and Benjamin Hartwell.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant.

Voted to give the Rev^d Titus T. Barton five Dollars for the purpose mentioned in the fifth article of the warrant.

Voted to pass over the sixth article in the warrant.

Voted not to sell the Town's land.

Voted to take into consideration the third article in the warrant.

[366] Dec^r 1815. Voted to choose a Committee of five to take into consideration the subject mentioned in the third article of the warrant, and report at the next March meeting.

Chose Mr. Paul Wetherbee, Mr. Jonas Marshall Jr, Calvin Willard, Esquire, John Shepley, and Edward Durrant, Esquire, for the above mentioned Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Isaiah Putnam, Freeholder in the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L. S.) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(L. S.) the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote
(L. S.) in the choice of Town Officers to assemble at the
Town's Meetinghouse on monday the twelfth day of
February next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on
the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To choose a Collector to finish the collection of taxes committed to Joseph Carter, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To choose a Constable.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty ninth day of January, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	}	Selectmen
Eph ^m Kimball Jr.		
Joseph Downe Jr.		
Daniel Farwell		

In obedience to your command I have [367] notified and warned a meeting as within mentioned.

Isaiah Putnam.

A. true copy.

Attest, John Shepley Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, assembled at the Town's meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816, at two O'clock in the afternoon; the meeting is opened, and

Art 1st Voted, and chose by ballot, Mr. Thomas Cowdin, Moderator.

Art. 2^d Voted to authorize the Moderator to let out the Collection of the remaining taxes of the present year to the lowest bidder, on condition he shall give bonds to the acceptance of the Town.

The collection of the taxes was let to Samuel Parker at two dollars and ninety four cents on the hundred dollars, he being the lowest bidder.

Voted to accept Mr. Reuben Billings and Captain Philip F. Cowdin, as sureties for Mr. Samuel Parker.

Chose Mr. Samuel Parker, Collector of taxes, for the remainder of the present year, who was then sworn according to law.

Art. 3^d Chose Mr. Samuel Parker, Constable, who declined serving, and was excused from serving.

Chose Mr. Timothy Garfield, Constable, who also declined serving, and was also excused.

Chose Mr. Samuel Houghton, Constable, who was sworn according to law.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

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Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton, Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing in regard to choosing collectors, as the Town may think proper.

3^d To see what sum, or sums, of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, or act anything thereon.

4th To see what sum, or sums of money the Town will raise for schooling the year ensuing, and act anything in regard to laying out said money as they may think proper.

5th To see what sum, or sums, of money the Town will raise to defray the necessary expences the year ensuing.

6th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer.

7th To see if the Town will vote, that the swine may run at large the ensuing year under the regulations of the law.

8th To see, if the Town will give a bounty on Crows, or act any thing thereon.

9. To see if the Town will provide themselves with a house to hold their Town meetings in, or act anything thereon.

10th To see if the Town will erect a wall nigh Aaron Houghton's, so as to prevent carriages from running off, or act anything thereon.

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11th To see if the Town will make any other settlement with Azariah Fuller, than their Committee has made for Nursing the family of J. Fullam, or act any thing thereon.

12th To see if the Town will allow any accounts, that shall be laid before them.

13. To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the ensuing year.

14. To see if the Town will make any alteration in any school District.

15. To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Eph ^m Kimball Jr.	
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Daniel Farwell	
Levi Farwell	

Worcester fs. February 14, 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for Town officers to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

The Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon assembled at the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of March, A. D. 1816, at nine O'clock in the forenoon: the meeting is opened, and on the

1st article. Chose William Cunningham Jr. Esq. Moderator.

Art. 2^d Chose John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Chose, Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer.

Chose, Philip F. Cowdin,	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.,	
Peter Snow,	
Isaiah Putnam, and	
Timothy F. Downe	

Chose, Peter Snow,	} Afsefsors
Philip F. Cowdin,	
and Isaiah Putnam	

[370] Voted not to choose Overseers of the Poor the year ensuing.

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| Chose Joshua Goodridge | Abel Thurston |
| Amos Pierce | Nathan Andrews |
| Nat Cowdin | Daniel Harris Jr. |
| Thomas Cowdin | Joshua Stickney |
| Elisha Carter | Reuben Smith |
| Joseph Haskell | Jacob Jaquith Jr. |
| Amos Lawrence Jr. | Aaron Darby |
| Levi Farwell | Daniel Farwell, and |
| Moses Cooper | Ebenezer Hutchinson |
| Eph ^m Gibson | |
| for Highway Surveyors. | |
| Chose, David Whittemore | John Thurston 2 ^d |
| John Shepley | Abel Thurston |
| Lyman Garfield | John F. Gerald |
| John Kinsman | Walter Johnson |
| Phinehas Allen Jr. | Sam ^l Phelps 2 ^d |
| Elnathan Polley | Simeon Gibson, and |
| Noah Andrews | Jacob Fullam |
| for Hogreeves. | |
| Chose Nathan Ordway | } Cullers of Staves and hoops. |
| Joseph Downe Jr. | |
| and Thomas Fuller | |
| Chose Timothy Garfield | } for Firewards. |
| Joseph Farwell | |
| Thomas Eaton, and | |
| Col ^l Leonard Burbank | |
| Chose, Levi Farwell | } Fielddrivers. |
| Thomas Harris | |
| Joel Page, and | |
| Jonathan Whitcomb | |
| Chose, Thomas Eaton, Poundkeeper. | |
- Voted, to choose twelve Tythingmen, one in each School District.
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| [371] Chose, Joseph Farwell, | Joshua Stickney, |
| Phinehas Allen, | Stephen Dole, |
| Jonathan Lowe, | Abel Farwell, |
| Jon ^a Whitcomb, | Joseph Richardson |
| Dan ^l Farwell, | Amos Lawrence |
| Seth Phillips, | and William Cunningham Jr. |
| | for Tythingmen. |

Chose Ephraim Osborn, }
 Jacob Stickney, and } Surveyors of Lumber.
 Zachariah Sheldon }

Chose, Joseph Downe Jr. }
 John Willard, and } Fenceviewers.
 Nehemiah Fuller }

Chose, John Farwell, Joshua Stickney,
 Marshall Hastings, Stephen Dole,
 Levi Farwell, Ebenezer Thurston Jr.
 Ephraim Osborn, James Parkhurst,
 Levi Pratt, Ephraim Gibson,
 Jabez Sawyer, and Leonard Burbank,
 for School Committee.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint one or more Sextons.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the new act lately passed respecting the collection of taxes, and report at the adjournment, including what discount should be allowed, if the new method should be adopted.

Art. 4. 900.00 Voted to raise for School money the sum of nine hundred Dollars; of which eight hundred dollars are to be apportioned among the respective School Districts in proportion to the number of scholars; and one hundred Dollars at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty first day of March, 1816, at three O'clock in the afternoon at the Meetinghouse.
 John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the said 4th day of March, 1816, before me, the said Town Clerk, the said Philip F. Cowdin, Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow, Isaiah Putnam, and Timothy F. Downe, took the oath by law required, to discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen. Also on the same day Philip F. Cowdin, Peter Snow, and Isaiah Putnam took the oath required by law to discharge the duties [372] of assessors of the Town of Fitchburg.

Joshua Goodridge, Amos Pierce, Nat Cowdin, Thomas Cowdin, Elisha Carter, Joseph Haskell, Amos Lawrence, Jr. Levi Farwell, Moses Cooper, Ephraim Gibson, Nathan Andrews, Daniel Harris Jr., Jacob Jaquith Jr., and Daniel

Farwell were severally sworn by the Town Clerk as Highway Surveyors.

Samuel Phelps 2^d was sworn as Hogreeve.

Joseph Downe Jr. and Thomas Fuller were sworn, as Cullers of hoops & staves

Joel Page and Jon^a Whitcomb were sworn, as Field Drivers.
John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the 4th day of march 1816, John Willard took the oath required by law to be taken by a fenceviewer, Before me,
John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L. S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(L. S.) warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg
(L. S.) qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble
(L. S.) at the Meetinghouse on monday the fourth day
of March next at two of the Clock, P. M. to act on the
following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^d To give in their votes for County Register.

Fail not, and make a return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Eph ^m Kimball Jr.	
Levi Farwell	
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Daniel Farwell	}

Worcester fs. February, 14th 1816. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att^{est}

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[373] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives holden at said Fitchburg on monday the fourth day of March, 1816, at 2 O'clock P. M. The said Inhabitants brought in their votes for Register of Deeds, and the same being sorted and counted by William Cunningham Jr. and John Shepley, who were chosen to sort and count the votes, it appeared, that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball, Esq. Fifty three votes.

For Samuel Allen Esq. eight votes.

For Oliver Fiske Esqr. nine votes.

For James Willson of Worcester, fourteen votes.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Fitchburg, March 4, 1816. I certify, that John Shepley Esq. appeared before me, and took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Town Clerk.

W^m Cunningham Jr. Jus. Pacis.

A true copy. Att^s John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Fitchburg, March 22^d 1816. I hereby certify, that Joseph Simonds appeared before me, and was sworn to the true and faithful discharge of the trust of a Town Treasurer.

W^m Cunningham Jr. Jus. Pac.

A true copy, Att^s John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as exprefsed in the warrant for the meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, by adjournment from the fourth day of March instant, on the twenty first day of March 1816, at three O'clock P. M. the meeting is opened, and,

Art. 3. Highways &c 800.00 Voted to raise eight hundred dollars for the repairing of the Highways and bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5. Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant.

[374] 1816. March Meeting Voted, that Peter Snow, William Cunningham Jr. and Joseph Simonds be a Committee to Settle with the late Treasurer.

Art. 7. Voted to pafs over the seventh article in the warrant.

Art. 8. Voted to pafs over this article in the warrant.

Art 9. Voted to choose a Committee of seven to take into consideration the ninth article in the warrant, and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Mefrs. Paul Weatherbee, Joseph Farwell, Jonas Marshall Jr., Daniel Farwell, Edward Durant, Levi Farwell, and Thomas Eaton.

Art. 10. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take the tenth article in the warrant into consideration and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Levi Farwell, Jonas Marshall Jr. and Paul Weatherbee.

Art. 11. Voted to pafs over the eleventh article.

Art. 12. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take this article into consideration and report at the adjournment.

Chose for said Committee Paul Weatherbee, William Cunningham, and John Shepley.

Art. 13. Voted to restrain neat cattle from going at large.

Art. 14. Voted to pafs over the fourteenth article in the warrant.

Art. 15. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen for laying out the road beginning at Ashby line, according to the report of the Selectmen dated Nov^r 29, 1815, and recorded Dec^r 2^d 1815.

Art 2^d The Selectmen report, that it will be most for the interest of the Town to collect the taxes in the usual manner.

Voted to accept this report of the Selectmen.

The collection of taxes for the ensuing year is set up by the Selectmen to be taken by the lowest bidder on condition he procure good and sufficient bonds.

[375] The collection of taxes is bid off by Samuel Parker at one dollar and ninety nine cents on the hundred dollars.

Art. 3^d Highways. Voted to take into consideration the third article in the warrant.

200.00. Voted to add two hundred dollars to the sum already raised for the repair of Highways and bridges.

Voted that the price of labor on the highways be twelve and an half cents per hour.

100.00. Voted to add one hundred dollars more to the sums already raised for the repair of Highways and bridges.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April 1816, at two O'clock, P. M.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

1816. April meeting Warrant

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(L. S.) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L. S.) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
 (L. S.) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of
 (L. S.) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-
 (L. S.) wards having a freehold estate within the Com-
 (L. S.) monwealth of the annual income of ten dollars
 or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the first day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutent Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Peter Snow	
Isaiah Putnam	
Joseph Downe Jr	
Timothy F. Downe	

Worcester fs. April 1. 1816. In obedience to the within warrant, I have notified, as the law directs, all the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, twenty one years of age and upwards having a frechold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten

dollars, or any estate of the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Attest,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[376] 1816. Ap^l meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, holden on the first day of April, being the first monday in said month, in the year of our Lord, 1816, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons, viz.

For Governor,

For Gen^l John Brooks, of Medford, 134 votes

For Hon^l Samuel Dexter, 148 votes

For Lt Governor.

For Hon^l William King 147

Hon^l William Phillips 135

For Senators and Counsellors

Silas Holman 136

Oliver Crosby 136

Daniel Waldo 136

Thomas H. Blood 136

Joseph Adams 146

Edmund Cushing 146

Jonas Sibley 146

Zadock Gates 146

Attest

Philip F. Cowdin

Joseph Downe Jr

Peter Snow

Isaiah Putnam

Timothy F. Downe

} Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[377] Adj^t of March meeting

The meeting by adjournment from March 4th 1816, to March 21st and from that time to the first day of April, 1816, at 2 O'clock P. M. was opened, and,

Art. 6. The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer made the following report in writing.

"Fitchburg, March 22^d 1816.

The Subscriber, chosen by the Town a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, find his accounts to be as follows, viz.

To cash received by him of his immediate predecessor on the adjustment of his accounts, March 13. 1815,	\$3.56
To cash received at sundry times of Timothy Garfield in completion of his collection for the years, 1813 & 1814,	900.94
To Do. received at sundry times of Reuben Billings in completion of his collection for the year 1814 the sum of	502.15
To Do. received at sundry times of Joseph Carter on account of his collection for the year 1815,	564.55
To Do. received of Samuel Parker on acct ^t of his collection for the year, 1815,	441.00
To Do. received of the Inhabitants of Harvard in discharge of their note of April 25, 1814, for 220.31, interest 23.01	243.32
To Do. received of the Selectmen of Fitchburg rec ^d by them of the Selectmen of Princeton towards the support of Martha Bellows, . . .	18.00
To Do. cash received of Samuel Houghton William Kilborn Samuel Caswell for their conditional exemption from Military duty, . . .	6.00
To Do received of the town of Ashby for the Maintenance of Dorcas Wheeler	24.35
To Do received by him as Interest of money belonging to the town which let out on use . . .	.55
To Do received by him of the Collectors for sundry delinquences in the satisfaction of Highway taxes	13.84
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	\$2718.26

The Treasurer Cr	
By payments made by him on orders of the Se-	
lectmen which we have examined and de-	
stroyed	2800.42
By allowance to him as Treasurer	12.00
	<u>\$2812.42</u>

From this statement it results that the town is indebted to Mr J. Marshall Jr \$94.16 and it appears that there is due from Samuel Parker the Collector chosen by the town to complete the collection of taxes committed to Joseph Carter to collect the sum of 490.88, and we have compared the amount of Taxes paid in by Mr. Carter, with the amount of the
 [378] 1816. Adj^t of March Meeting
 the new warrant issued to Mr. Parker, and find Mr. Carter chargable with a deficiency of \$217.28, which we suppose is secured to the Town by his Bondsmen.

Of outstanding and unsatisfied orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer the amount is \$333.91, which with the balance due to Mr. Marshall leaves of the afsefsted taxes yet uncollected the sum of \$280.09, to answer the existing and growing demands against the Town.

Peter Snow
 W^m Cunningham Jr.
 Joseph Simonds
 Jonas Marshall Jr. Treasurer"

which report being read,

Voted to accept thereof.

Money Art. 5. Voted to raise eight hundred dollars
 800.00 to defray the necessary expences of the Town.
100.00 Voted to raise in addition to the above for
 900.00 the same purpose one hundred dollars.

Art. 9. Voted to pass over the ninth article in the warrant.

Art. 10. Voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant.

Art. 12. Voted to recommit the accounts laid before the Town to the Same Committee before chosen under

this article, who are authorized to liquidate and adjust the same.

Art. 2^d Chose Samuel Parker, collector of taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted to accept Jonas Marshall Jr. and Benjamin Fuller as sureties for Samuel Parker, as Collector.

Voted to refer the taking of the Collectors bonds to the Treasurer.

Chose Samuel Houghton and William Carleton, Constables.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

O Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
O Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
O Seal warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
O Seal said Town qualified by law to vote in Town
O Seal meeting, who are now afsembled this first day of
O Seal April, to act on the following articles immediately, viz.

First, To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

[379] Secondly. To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to hire any sum or sums of money, which may be wanted to defray the neccfsary expences of the Town, 'till there can be money afsefled and collected for that purpose, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this first day of April A. D. 1816.

Philip F Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Peter Snow	
Isaiah Putnam	
Timothy F. Downe	

A true copy, attest, John Shepley, Town Clerk.

The above warrant was read by Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg in open Town meeting, on the first day of April, 1816, and thereupon

Chose W^m Cunningham Jr. Esq. Moderator.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow any sum of money not exceeding three hundred Dollars for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the first day of April, 1816, Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a collector of taxes, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

On the eighteenth day of April, 1816, Joseph Farwell, Phinehas Allen, Daniel Farwell, Seth Phillips, Stephen Dole, and Joseph Richardson, appeared and severally took the oath of office required by law to be taken by Tythingmen, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

On the nineteenth day of April, 1816, Samuel Houghton took the oath required by law to be by Constables, before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being
Seal twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town
Seal for the Space of one year next preceeding, having a
freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meetinghouse on tuesday the fourteenth day of May next at two O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Rep-

[380] 1816. May meeting
representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty second day of April, A. D. 1816.

Philip F. Cowdin,	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Peter Snow	
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Timothy F. Downe	

Worcester fs. April 27, 1816. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned as the law directs the male inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, being twenty one years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding having a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate of the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att^s

John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden on tuesday the fourteenth day of May, 1816, at two of the clock in the afternoon;

It was moved by Zachariah Sheldon and seconded by Paul Boynton that the Town send two Representatives and that both names be carried in on one paper:

the motion was put; the house was divided, and counted, and the motion negatived.

It was then moved that, the Town send no Representative the present Year,

the motion is put, and decided in the affirmative.

then, Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

oath May 16, 1816. 8 O'clock, A. M. Joseph Downe Jr. took the oath required by law to be taken by a fence-viewer, before me.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

June 1, 1816. Then William Carleton took the oath required by law to be taken by a Constable, Before me,

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[381] 1816. June 10th Worcester fs. To Mr. Samuel Houghton, Constable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Freehold-

ers and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on monday the tenth day of June next at four of the clock, P. M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will make any alteration in School Districts Nos 3, 4, & 5, or act any thing relative thereto.

3^d To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of May, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
Philip F. Cowdin		
Isaiah Putnam	}	of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr.		

Worcester ss. May 25, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified the Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within exprest. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att^o

John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs holden on monday the tenth day of June, 1816, at four of the clock, P. M. at the Town's meetinghouse;

Art 1. Chose W^m Cunningham, Esqr. Moderator.

Art. 2^d Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant.

Art. 3. Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk

July 13, 1816. Then Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a collector of taxes, Before me,
John Shepley, Town Clerk.

[382] 1816, Augt 26. Worcester fs. To Mr. Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal. You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the
Seal. Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote for
Seal. Representatives, to meet at the Meetinghouse on
Seal. the twenty sixth day of August instant at four
Seal. O'clock, P. M. to give in their votes for a County Register of deeds.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Philip F. Cowdin	
Timothy F. Downe	
Isaiah Putnam	
Joseph Downe Jr.	

Worcester fs. August 12, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the within mentioned Town, qualified as within expressed, to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg
A true copy, Att^s John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at said Fitchburg in pursuance of the above warrant on the twenty sixth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen; the Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of deeds for said County of Worcester and the same being sorted and counted in open Town Meeting by Philip F. Cowdin, Joseph Downe Jr. Peter Snow, Timothy F. Downe, and Ifaiah Putnam, who were chosen for that purpose it appeared that the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball Esqr.	58 votes
Oliver Fiske Esqr.	1 vote
James Wilson Esqr.	13 Votes
Samuel Allen Esq.	1 Vote
John Shepley, Town Clerk.	

[383] Worcester fs. To Mr. Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting.

Seal You are required in the name of the Common-
Seal wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the
Seal Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town
Seal affairs to meet at the meetinghouse on the twenty
Seal sixth day of August instant at five of the clock, P.
M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will accept of the revision of the Jurors for the Town of Fitchburg made out by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of August, A. D. 1816.

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Peter Snow	
Isaiah Putnam	
Philip F. Cowdin	
Timothy F. Downe	

Worcester fs. August 12, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the within named Town, qualified as within expressed to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att^s

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg on the twenty sixth day of August, 1816, the said Inhabitants being qualified to vote in Town affairs,

Art. 1. Voted, & Chose, Peter Snow, Moderator.

Art. 2^d Voted to accept the revision of the Jury box made by the Selectmen.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton, Constable of the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to
meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on monday the
seventh day of October next at two O'clock in the after-
noon to act on the following articles viz.

[384] Octr. 1816.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will choose an Agent, or
Agents, to oppose the Petition of Francis Deane and oth-
ers to be incorporated by the Legislature of this Com-
monwealth into a new Town, and to act respecting the
said Petition, as the Town may think proper.

3^d To see if the Town will accept any roads laid
out by the Selectmen or their order, or act anything re-
specting new roads, they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this
fifteenth day of September, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Ifaiah Putnam	

Worcester fs. October 7, 1816. I hereby certify that
I have notified and warned the freeholders and other In-
habitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg to
meet and assemble at the time and place and for the pur-
poses within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy Att:

John Shepley, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg on monday the seventh day of October, 1816,
at two O'clock in the afternoon, the said Inhabitants be-

ing qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, the meeting is opened, and

Art. 1st Chose Doe! Peter Snow, Moderator.

Art. 2^d Voted to choose an agent to oppose in behalf of the Town the petition of Francis Deane and others to be incorporated into a new Town.

Chose Mr. Thomas Cowdin, Agent for the purpose above mentioned.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to prepare and sign a remonstrance in behalf of the Town against the said Petition of Francis Deane and others.

Chose for said Committee Mefrs John Shepley, Jonas Marshall Jr., Joseph Richardson, Peter Snow, and Joseph Simonds.

[385] Art. 3^d The Selectmen made the following report, viz.

“The Subscribers, being a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg on the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen, do lay out the following as a Town road in the Town of Fitchburg, and to be hereafter known, as a Town road in said Town, viz. beginning one rod west of a white oak tree on the road between Samuel Phelps’s and Dⁿ Jacob Jaquith’s, and runs south 20° west sixty five rods to an angle; thence south 18° west ten rods to an angle; thence south 14° west eight rods to an angle; thence south 18½° west seventeen rods to a stake and stones near the river, on land of Sam^l Phelps, and others; thence west 16° south four rods across the river to an angle; thence south 49° west twenty four rods to a pine stump; thence south 25° west ten rods to an angle; thence south 26 west, nineteen rods to an angle; thence west 38° south eighteen rods to an angle; thence south 17° west ninety rods to an angle; thence south 24° west forty eight rods to an angle; thence south 34° west twenty three rods to an angle; thence south 16° west thirty four rods to an angle; thence south 9° west thirty six rods to the corner of Isaiah Putnam’s land, on land of Joseph Upton and Joseph Low from the middle of the river above mentioned; said road

is laid out two rods wide; the bounds are all on the westerly side of said road; We have estimated the damages to the said Upton and Low at \$100.00 which they are willing to accept, as a compensation for damages. The parties being duly notified &c. all which is submitted.

Peter Snow
Philip F. Cowdin } Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr. }

Voted to accept the above report of the Selectmen

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

Nov. 4, 1816. Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male Inhabitants of twenty one years
old and upwards qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the fourth day of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.

[386] 1816. Nov^r 4.

1st To give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester North District in the Congress of the United States.

2^d To give in their votes for a Register of deeds for the County of Worcester.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1816.

Peter Snow,
Philip F. Cowdin, } Selectmen
Isaiah Putnam, }

Worcester fs. November 4, 1816. I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned, as the law directs, the Male Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as within mentioned, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes, within expressed. Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

A true copy, Att^s

John Shepley, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fourth day of November, being the first monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, To wit;

For Solomon Strong Esqr., sixty four votes.

For Edmund Cushing Esqr., thirty six votes.

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Peter Snow	
Timothy F. Downe	
John Shepley, Town Clerk	

[387] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at said Fitchburg, on the fourth day of November, A. D. 1816, the said Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester; and the same being sorted and counted in open Town meeting by Philip F. Cowdin, Peter Snow, Joseph Downe Jr. and Timothy F. Downe, who were chosen for that purpose, it appeared that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows, viz.

For Benjamin Kimball, Esquire, ninety two votes

Philip F. Cowdin	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Peter Snow	
Timothy F. Downe	
John Shepley, Town Clerk	

Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
 Seal monwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
 Seal the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town
 Seal of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town
 affairs, and for town Officers to meet and assemble
 at the Meetinghouse on monday the third day of March
 next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the follow-
 ing Articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting

2 To choose a Clerk, Treafurer, Selectmen, and all
 other Town Officers agreeable to law, and to act anything
 in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think
 proper

3 To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will
 raife to repair the Highways and Bridges, the year ensu-
 ing, or act anything thereon

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will
 raife for schooling the year ensuing, and act any thing in
 regard to laying out said money they may think proper.

5 To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will
 raife to defray the necessary expences the year ensuing.

6 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to fet-
 tle with their Treafurer

7 To see if the Town will vote that the swine may
 run at large the ensuing year under the regulation of the
 law.

8 To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows
 or act any thing thereon.

[388] Art 9 To see if the town will sell their land
 or act any thing thereon

10 To see what method the town will take to sup-
 porth their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the town will refrain neat Cattle from
 running at large the year ensuing

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
 tenth day of February AD. 1817.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Philip F. Cowdin	
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Isaiah Putnam	

Worcester fs March 3^d 1817. I hereby certify that I have notified and warned as the law directs, the freeholders and other inhabitants of the before mentioned Town of Fitchburg, qualified as mentioned in the above Warrant, to appear at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in this Warrant.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg
A true Copy attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the above Warrant, and notification, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the third day of March at nine O' in the forenoon as above directed, the meeting being

Art. 1. Opened, Voted and chose W^m Cunningham Esq^r Moderator.

2^d Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk, Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Voted to choose three Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Shelden Selectmen

Voted to choose three Afsefsors.

Choose Peter Snow Philip F. Cowdin & Ifaiah Putnam Afsefsors.

Chose James Cowdin	William Kilborn
Joseph Battles	Benjamin Wheeler
Sam ^l Houghton	Eph ^m Ofborn Jr.
Thomas Eaton	John Carter Jr
Joseph Boynton	Amos Shelden 2 ^d
Joseph Haskell	Josiah Mcintire
Sam ^l Caswell Jr	Abijah Hartwell
Joseph Simonds	Levi Pratt and
Francis Dean	Eph ^m Smith.
Simeon Gibson	

Highway Surveyors.

[389] Chose Abijah Goodridge	John Thurston
Alpheus Kimball	Daniel Tuttle
Edw ^d Smith	Amos Durant
Amos Wheeler Jr	Boylston Poor
Parley Mcintire	Jesse Mcintire
Edmond Nichols	Curtis Stevens

Afa Kinsman	Amos Haward and
Simcon Gibson	Elnathan Gibson

Hogreeves.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. & Nehemiah Fuller Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Chose Joseph Farwell, Peter Snow, Zachariah Shelden & Walter Johnson and John Upton Firewards.

Voted that the Firewards provide for themselves at the expence of the town, the Insignia of their office.

Chose Parley McIntire, Levi Farwell Joshua Goodridge & Joel Page Field-drivers.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Pound-Keeper.

Chose Deaⁿ Eben^r Thurston and Capt John Farwell, Tythingmen

Chose John Willard Thomas Eaton and Zachariah Shelden, Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Joel Page Josiah Brown and Elijah McIntire Jr Fenceviewers.

Chose Walter Johnson	Stephen Adams
James Cowdin	Reuben Billings
Luke Wetherbee	Israe! Wetherbee
Daniel Harris	Jeremiah Kinsman Jr and
Tim ^o F. Downe	Thomas Sweetfer
Sam ^l Philips	
John Carter Jr.	

School Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint sextons.

Art 3. Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars to repair the highway & Bridges the year ensuing, the price of labor the same as last year.

Art 4 Voted to raise Nine Hundred dollars for the support of schools, Eight Hundred dollars of which to be apportioned to the respective Districts in proportion to the number of Scholars, one Hundred dollars to be divided among the small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen. A schedule of the number of Scholars to be taken on the first monday of September, and a return thereof made to the Selectmen on the first monday of October, annually.

Voted to pass over the 5th Article in the Warrant.

Art 6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treafurer.

Chose for said Committee W^m Cunningham Esq^r Joseph Downe Jr. and Capt Joseph Farwell

Voted to Pafs over the Seventh and Eighth Articles in the Warrant.

Art 9 Voted to sell the Towns land, bo^t of J. Boynton reserving a piece of land for the Pound

Voted to choose three, a Committee to sell said land to the best advantage

Chose for said Committee Joseph Richardson Joseph Simonds and John Willard. Voted that the Conveyance of the land to be made by the Town Treafurer.

Voted to pafs over the tenth Article in the Warrant.

Art 11 Voted to restrain neat Cattle from running at large.

[390] Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes for the year ensuing to the lowest bidder, as usual.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in april next at One O'clock P. M.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

April 7, 1817 being the first monday the Town met according to adjournment

The meeting being Opened, Voted to choose three Auditors of accounts.

Voted and chose Joseph Richardson, W^m Cunningham Esq^r & Jonas Marshall Jr. Auditors.

The Committee Chosen by the town to let out the Collection of the Taxes the year ensuing, made their report Viz. M^r Abiel Holt being the lowest bidder it was struck off to him for One dollar & seventy five cents on the Hundred dollars.

M^r Samuel Parker came forward with his bondsmen, by an agreement with, with Abiel Holt and offered to take the Collection for the same sum.

Voted not to accept of Samuel Parker with his Bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Collector of Taxes

for the year ensuing, and agreed to give him Two Dollars on the Hundred dollars for collecting the Taxes.

Voted to choose two Constables, and chose Samuel Houghton & W^m Calton, Constables

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer Which is as follows Viz.

The Town Treasurer D ^r	
To cash receiv'd of Sam ^l Parker in completion of his collection for the year 1815	490.88
To cash receiv'd of Sam ^l Parker, on his collec- tion for the year 1816	1869.64
Cash receiv'd of Joseph Carters bondsmen . . .	229.22
Cash receiv'd of Sundry persons for conditional exemption from Military duty	8.00
Cash receiv'd of Levi Farwell for things sold by the Selectmen belonging to Rebecah Smith .	30.00
Cash receiv'd of W ^m Cunningham Esq ^r being one moiety of two fines collected by him of Curtis Stephens for breach of Sabbath	4.00
	<u>2631.74</u>

The Town Treasurer C ^r	
By payment to M ^r Jonas Marshall Jr. of the bal- ance due him on Settlement March 1816 . .	94.16
By interest payed by him, on cash hir'd for the ufe of the town	5.28
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Se- lectmen, which we have examined and destroy'd	2547.50
By allowance to him for his services as Treasurer the year past	12.00
	<u>2658.94</u>

It appears there is a balance due the Town Treaf- urer the sum of	27.20
We find due to the town from Joseph Carters Bondsmen, on 1815, Tax	3.76
We find due from Samuel Parker on his Collection for the year 1816	27.08
We find of Outstanding and unsatisfied Orders .	419.36

Joseph Downe Jr } Committee
Joseph Farwell }
Joseph Simonds, Town Treasurer.

Voted to raise Sixteen Hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled on the 7th day of April AD 1817. Voted to authorize their Town Treasurer to borrow seven Hundred & Fifty dollars in behalf of the Town

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[391] Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the seventh day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of march AD. 1817.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Jos. Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon		of Fitchburg

March 22^d 1817. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within Mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, holden on the seventh day of April, being the first

Monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Seventeen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, Viz.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks	123
Majr Genl Henry Dearbon	124

For Lieutenant Governor.

His Honor William Phillips	123
Hon. William King	124

For Senators

Hon. Oliver Crosby	124
Danl Waldo	124
Thos H. Blood	124
Genl James Humphries	123
Joseph Adams	124
Jonas Sibley	124
Edmond Cushing	124
Zadock Gates Esquires	124
Hon. Silas Holman	1

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	
Peter Snow Town Clerk	

[392] Worcester fs. March 3^d 1817 Then Peter Snow took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk. Also Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr & Zachariah Shelden Severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Selectman.

Also Peter Snow Philip F. Cowdin and Isaiah Putnam severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Afsefsors
Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.
Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3^d 1817 Then James Cowdin Samuel Houghton Thomas Eaton Jos. Haskell Joseph Simonds Simeon Gibson, Benjamin Wheeler, John Carter, Eph^m Smith. Severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3^d 1817 Then Alpheus Kimball Amos Wheeler Jr. Boylston Poor & Jefse M^cintire Severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves
Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3^d 1817 Then Joseph Downe Jr. & Nehemiah Fuller took the oath required by law to be taken by Cullers of Hoops and Staves before me
Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3^d 1817 Pearly M^cintire Levi Farwell Joel Page took the oath required by law to be taken by Field drivers
Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

March 3^d 1817. Then John Willard Thomas Eaton & Zachariah Sheldon took the required by law to be taken by Surveyors of Lumber
Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

May 6th 1817. I certify that W^m Carlton appeared before me and took the Oath of a Constable W^m Cunningham Jus. Pacis.
Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 23^d 1817 Then Samuel Houghton appeared before me and took the Oath of a Constable, and Collector before me
Peter Snow Town Clerk

July 19th 1817 Edward Smith took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves before me
Peter Snow Town Clerk

[393] Worcester ss. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting
Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the Male Inhabitants of said town being
twenty one years of age, and resident in said town

for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dolars, to meet at the meeting house on monday the fifth day of may next at three of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to reprezent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg the eighteenth day of April AD 1817

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	
	} of
	} Fitchburg

Worcester fs. April 19, 1817. I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within expressed Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Purfuant to the above warrant the town met on the fifth day of May the meeting being Opened, it was moved and Seconded not to send a Representative to the General Court this year which pafs'd in the affirmative.

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby directed in the name of the Com-
Seal monwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn
Seal the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet
and asemble at the Meetinghouse on monday the seven-
teenth day of this instant November at two of the clock
in the afternoon, and when met to act on the following
Articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will provide suitable Ground for setting stables near the first Parish Meetinghouse, or make any proposals to the owners of the stables now standing near said Meetinghouse, or act any thing with respect to stables the town may see fit.

[394] 3^d To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or any alterations of roads, or act any thing respecting respecting roads they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this third day of November, A. D. 1817.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Jos. Downe Jr.	
Zachariah Sheldon.	

Worcester fs. November 4th 1817. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at time and place, and for the purposes above Mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town met on the seventeenth of November 1817. The meeting opened

Chose M^r Joseph Richardson Moderator.

Voted to pass over the Second Article in the Warrant

Voted to pass over the Third article in the Warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To M^r Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
town qualified by law to vote in town affairs and
for Town Officers to meet and assemble at the meeting
house on Monday the second day of March next at nine
of the clock in the forenoon and when met to act on the
following articles Viz.

1 To choofe a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To choofe a Clerk, Treafurer Selectmen, Afsefsors and all other town Officers agreeable to law, and to act any thing in regard to choofing Collectors the town may think proper.

3 To fee what sum of money the town will raife to repair their highways and Bridges, the year enfuing, Or act any thing thereon.

4 To see what sum of money for the suport of schools the year enfuing and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper

5 To see what sum of money the town will raife to defray the necefsary expences of the town the year enfuing.

[395] 6 To see if the town will choofe a Committee to settle with their Treasurer.

7 To see if the town will vote to let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year enfuing.

8 To see if the town will refrain neat cattle from running at large the year enfuing

9 To see what method will take to support their poor the year enfuing or any thing thereon they may think proper.

10 To see if the town will give a bounty on Crows the year enfuing.

11. To fee if the town will Annex Mr Joshua Pearce with his farm to school Diftrict N^o 12. or act any thing thereon.

12 To see what ufe the town will appropriate their money from the sale of their land or act any thing thereon.

13 To see if the town will give the bed which belonged to Mary Wares to Thomas G. Cree, or act any thing thereon

14 To see if the town will difcontinue any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of February AD. 1818.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jos. Downe Jr.	
Zachariah Sheldon.	

Worcester fs. February 14th 1818. In obedience to the within Warrant to me directed, I hereby certify, that I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the within named town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within expressed.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Town met on the second day of March AD 1818. The meeting being opened

Voted and choose John Shepley Moderator.

Choose Peter Snow Town Clerk

Chose Mr Joseph Simonds Town Treafurer.

Choose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Sheldon Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow, Joseph Downe Jr. & Zachariah Sheldon Afsefsors.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the ninth day of March instant at nine O'clock in the forenoon.

Monday March ninth 1818 The town met according to adjournment, the meeting being Opened, and the Moderator being absent Chose Capt Phillip Cowdin Moderator pro. tem.

Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge	John Allen
Sam ^l Hale	Amos Durant
Nehemiah Giles	Tho ^s Harris
Joshua Phillips	Jacob Stickney
Edw ^d Smith	William Bolton
William Carlton	Sam ^l Phelps Jr
John Andrews	John Badcock
Capt Israel Turner	David Baldwin &
John Willard	Samuel Parker
Solomon Gibson	

Highway Surveyors

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be collectors in their Several districts.

[396] Chose Elnathan Gibson Levi Pratt, Joshua Melven, Nathan Silvester Moses Sartwell, Joseph Sanders

George W. Chaplin Silvanus Lapham Joel How and Arington Gibson Hogreeves.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. and Nathan Ordway Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Chose Thomas Eaton, Jonas Marshall Jr. Capt Jos. Farwell Col. Paul Boynton and Genl Leonard Burbank Fire Wards.

Voted that the Selectmen provide for the Firewards the Insignia of their office.

Chose Capt James Cowdin Thaddeus Gray Abel Bruce & Jos Richardson, Field Drivers.

Chose George Wood Jr. Pound keeper.

Chose Dⁿ John Farwell & M^r Isaac Stone Tythingmen.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon Aaron Eaton, and John Willard Surveyor of Lumber.

Chose Nathan Ordway Jos. Downe Jr. & Levi Farwell Fence Viewers.

Chose Capt Jos. Farwell

Benjamin Flint

Tho^s Damon

Abr^m Offborn

Benjⁿ Fuller

Abel Bruce

Payson Williams

Amos Putnam

Aaron Darby

Abel Thurston

Nathan Andrews &

W^m Cunningham Esq^r

School Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Sextons.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the taxes at public Vendue.

Voted to raise Twelve Hundred dollars to repair the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, and that the price of Labour be twelve cents an hour; the price of oxen, Plough, Cart &c as usual.

Voted to pass to the Twelvth article in the warrant

Voted to appropriate the money arising from the sale of the towns land to repair the bridges lately carried away by the freshet, or so much of it as Shall be found necessary.

Voted to choose a Committee to repair the bridges

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. John Willard and Jos. Downe Jr. for said Committee.

Voted to raise Nine hundred dollars for the suport of schools, the money to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars for the neecessary expences of the town the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the town Treadurer

Chose Thomas Cowdin, Jonas Marshall Jr. & Payson Williams for said Committee

Voted to pass over the seventh Article in the Warrant.

Voted that neat Cattle be restrained from running at large the present year

Voted that the Selectmen be authorisid to let out the Poor at their own discretion

[397] Voted to give seventeen cents bounty on each Crow killed within the bound of Fitchburg to be paid by the town Treadurer.

Voted that Mr Joshua Pearce with his Farm be annexed to school district N^o 12.

Voted that Town Treasurer appropriate the money Arising from the sale of the Towns the same as any other money belonging to the Town.

Voted that the Committee chosen to repair the Bridges be instructed to omit the bridge near the Farwells shop till the adjournment.

Voted to give the bed belonging to Mary Ware to Tho^s G. Cree.

Voted to pass over the 14th Article

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon.

April 6th being the first monday in April AD. 1818. The town met according to adjournment the meeting being Opened, Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to Settle with the Town Treadurer which is as follows, Viz. Fitchburg March 16 1818. The Committe chosen to Settle with the Town Treadurer have attended to that businefs and beg leave to report as follows Viz.

The Town Treasurer	Dr	
To cash paid by Samuel Houghton and Eitha Carter for conditional exemption from Military duty		4.00
To cash paid him by Jonas Marshall Jr. on account of the purchase of the Towns land . .		.81
To cash paid him by the Selectmen receiv'd from the town of Reading for the support of John Pratt and Family		117.50
To cash receiv'd by the same of the town of Lunenburg for the support of Nancy Hill . . .		47.64
To cash receiv'd of Samuel Parker in completion of his collection of Taxes for the year 1816		27.08
To cash receiv'd of Samuel Houghton towards his collection of taxes for the year 1817 . .		2472.64
To cash receiv'd of Joshua Phillips one of the Bondsmen of Joseph Carter Collector for the year 1815, being in full for said Carter's collection		3.76
		<u>\$2673.43</u>

The Town Treasurer	Cr	
By balance due him on settlement March 31. 1817.		27.20
By interest paid for money borrowed for the town by him		14.79
By orders drawn by the Selectmen, and paid by him which we have examined and destroy'd. .		2605.31
By his services as Treasurer		12.00
By cash in his hands		14.13
		<u>\$2673.43</u>

We find in the hands of Samuel Houghton Collector for the year 1817 99.26
 exclusive of his pay for collection. Turn over

[398] We find due to the several school Districts in town the sum of \$237.94 which leaves the town in debt. \$138.68. exclusive of a note signed by Jonas Marshall Jr.

which was given for the towns land dated May 29th 1817,
of \$472.00

Thomas Cowdin	} Committee
Jonas Marshall Jr	
Payson Williams.	
Joseph Simonds, Treasurer.	

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Collector, and accepted his bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Constable.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Constable

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

March 2^d 1818 Joshua Goodridge, Joshua Phillips Edw^d Smith Israel Turner, John Willard John Allen Amos Durant Sam^l Phelps Jr. David Baldwin and Samuel Parker severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

Nehemiah Giles and Sam^l Hale severally took the oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyor before me. Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 9 William [Bolton] took the oath of a Highway surveyor before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

March 2^d 1818 Then Levi Pratt Moses Sartwell, Joshua Melven Joseph Sanders Silvanus Lapham severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Apr^l 1818 Joseph Downe Jr. and Levi Farwell severally took the Oath required by Law, to be taken by Fence Viewers before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 20th 1818 Samuel Houghton took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Constable Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 4 1818. Then Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. and Zachariah Sheldon personally appeared, and sworn into office as Afsefsors of the town of Fitchburg for the

year ensuing taking the Oath required by law to be taken by Afsefsors

Also Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. and Zachariah [Sheldon] took the Oath required by law to be taken as Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

Also Peter Snow took the Oath as Town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, required by law.

John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

[399] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at the meetinghouse on monday the sixth day of April next at three O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles Viz. 1st To choofe a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To fee if the town will rebuild the the bridge near the Farwells shop lately carried away by the flood, or act any thing refpecting that bridge the town may think proper

3 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of March AD. 1818.

Peter Snow }
Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg on the sixth day of April AD. 1818 The meeting being Opened chofe

Capt Philip F. Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to rebuild the Bridge near the Farwells Blacksmith Shop.

Voted that the Committee lately chosen to build the Bridge near mills belonging to Capt Fox & Co be a Committee to build the Bridge near the Farwells Shop.

Voted to accept the road laid out by the Selectmen thro' the land of Phinehas and Ephraim Hartwell, Which is as follows Viz.

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the northerly part of said town, on the third day of April AD. Eighteen hundred and eighteen, did lay out, and hereby lay out a town way near the house of Abijah Hartwell described as follows Viz. Beginning at a Chestnut tree near the brook on land of Phinehas Hartwell, and runs South 17° west 51. rods to an Angle. Thence South 22° west 15. rods to the old road, through land of Phinehas Hartwell. Thence South 22° west 26 rods to an angle. Thence South 10° west 24 rods to the new road laid out round Litch's hill (so call'd) on land of Ephraim Hartwell. Said road is two rods wide, and all the bounds are on the west Side of Said road.—The parties being duly notified—We have estimated the damages to Phinehas Hartwell at Sixty three dollars he being absent we did not agree with him. We estimated the damages to Ephraim Hartwell at forty one dollars as Sixty seven cents which he has agreed to receive as damages. All which is submitted for the acceptance or approval of the Town.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen	
Joseph Downe Jr.		of
Zachariah Sheldon		} Fitchburg.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[400] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Fitch-

burg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting house on monday the Sixth day of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators & counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of Said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg
this of March AD. 1818. Peter Snow } Selectmen of
Jos. Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. April 4th 1818

Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg District of the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Leut Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, holden on the sixth day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of Our Lord Eight hundred and Eighteen for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following Persons were given in sorted counted & recorded and Declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed.—

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks	116
Hon. Benj ⁿ W. Crowningshield	97

For Lieut Governor

His Honor William Phillips	115
Hon Thomas Kittredge	97
Hon Levi Lincoln Jr.	1

For Senators

Hon Oliver Crofby	116
Hon. Daniel Waldo	116
Hon James Humphreys	116
Gen Stephen P. Gardner	116
Joseph Adams	97
Jonas Sibley	97
Edmond Cushing	97
Zadock Gates . . . Esquires	97

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	
Peter Snow Town Clerk	

[401] Worcester fs. To M^r Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby directed in the name of the Com-
 Seal monwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the
 Seal male inhabitants of said being twenty one years of
 age and resident in said for the space of one year
 next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town
 of the annual income of ten dollars or any estate to the
 value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting-
 house on monday the fourth day of may next, at three of
 the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one
 or more representatives to represent them at the General
 Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on
 the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg
 the fifteenth day of April AD. 1818.

Pursuant to this Warrant, I have notified and warned
 as the law directs the male inhabitants of said town of
 Fitchburg qualified as therein expresse to meet at time
 and place and for the purposes above mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg May 4, 1818.

At a legal meeting of the Male inhabitants assembled
 on the fourth day of May 1818. Voted not to send a

Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened at Boston, this Year.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester Is To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years old, and qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court, to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the second day of November next at two of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District

Given under our hands and Seals this Sixteenth day of October AD 1818

Peter Snow)
Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester. Is. Oct: 19. 1818. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote for Representatives as the law directs to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Sam^l Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest

Peter Snow Town Cler.

[402] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg duly qualified to vote for representatives in the General Court of this commonwealth, holden at the meetinghouse in Said town on the Second day of November, being the first Monday in said month AD 1818.

Votes for the following persons to represent the people of said commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester north District were given in a follows Viz.

For the Hon James Kendall Sixty Seven
 For Edmond Cushing Esq: Fifty two.

Peter Snow }
 Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
 Peter Snow Town Cler.

Attes

[403] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on monday the Second day of November next, at four of the clock in the afternoon and when met to act on the following Articles Viz.

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will Accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or act any thing respecting roads, they may think proper

Given under our hands and Seals this 16th day of October AD. 1818.

Peter Snow }
 Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen

Worcester fs. Oct: 19, 1818 I have notified and warned, the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Sam: Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest

Peter Snow Town Cler.

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the inhabitants of the town met on the Second day of November AD 1818, the meeting being opened chose Mr Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to Accept the road laid out by the Selectmen near Gen: Leonard Burbank's house, as is set forth in their Report, Viz.

dated the 23^d day of Oct: 1818.

Beginning at a stone set in the ground near Gen: L.

Burbanks house on the road leading to the bridge, From thence east 32° South forty rods, to a stone set in the ground, said road is laid out two rods wide, the bounds on the north side of the road. Said road is partly on land belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Cowdin Esq^r. We have estimated the damages to said Cowdin's Heirs at two dollars. Said Burbank Burbank promises to pay all damages that may arise in consequence of said road, all which is submitted.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Jos. Downe Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	

Attest

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[404] The Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, at the request of a number of the inhabitants in the south part of the town, on the twenty third day of October AD eighteen hundred and eighteen, did lay out the following as a town road in the town of Fitchburg, and to be hereafter known as a town road in said town, Viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones on the town road on land of Benjⁿ Blaney, and runs north 29° east 21. rods to an Oak tree Thence north 6° east 40 rods to an angle. Thence north 20° east 16 rods to a maple tree. Thence north 5° east 41. rods to a stake & stones. Thence north 50° east 42 rods to the common.

Said road is laid out two rods wide, all the bounds are on the west side of the road. The parties being duly notified except Mr Blaney. The distance thro' his land is 36 rods, we have estimated the damages to him at seven dollars. The distance thro' Ephraim Kimball Jrs. land is 95 rods, we have estimated the damages to him at One hundred dollars, which he agrees to accept as a compensation. The distance thro' Putnam & Perkins' land is 31. rods, land given. The distance thro' Peter Snows land is eighteen rods. The road the the last distance mentioned, about nine rods of which is partly on land belonging to the proprietors of the new meetinghouse. We have estimated the damages to Peter Snow at One hundred dollars which he agrees to accept as a compensation,

and the damages to the proprietors of the new meeting-house at six dollars, all which is submitted.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr.	
Zachariah Sheldon	

Attest Peter Snow Town Cler.

Voted not to accept the report of the selectmen in laying out a road over Putnam's & Perkins Mill dam.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Voted that the report of the Selectmen, laying out a road from land of Benjamin Blaney to and across the Mill-dam belonging to Daniel Putnam & Francis Perkins be Accepted on the Condition, that a right free of charge to the town to rest a bridge upon the said Mill-dam shall be given in due & authentic form by the said Putnam and Perkins

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to see that a right from from Putnam & Perkins to rest a bridge across their Mill-dam be duly authenticated by them.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the ninth day of this instant November at two of the clock in the afternoon.

November 9th 1818 The town met according to adjournment the meeting being opened.

Voted to reconsider the Vote respecting the road laid out by the Selectmen from land of Benjⁿ Blaney to and across the Mill dam belonging to Putnam & Perkins

[405] Voted that the report of the Selectmen laying out a road from Nathan Andrews to Arington Gibbons be laid over till March Meeting, unless the Proprietors of the land thro' which the road is laid consent to accept the damages estimated by the Selectmen, and make the road free of expence to the town.

Voted to accept the road on the above conditions.

The Subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, at the request of a number of the inhabitants of the northeasterly part of said town on the 28th day of October 1818, did lay out the following as a town road in the said town of Fitchburg, and to be here-

after known as a town road in Said town, Viz. Beginning at a Walnut Tree on the old road about forty rods north-east from Nathan Andrews' house. Thence south 22° west 68 rods to a stake & stones. Thence south 37° west 17. Rods to a Stone wall between said Nathan Andrews' land & Arington Gibson's land. Thence south 41° west 74 rods to the road near said Gibson's house. Said road is laid out two rods wide thro' M^r Andrews' land. All the bounds are on the East side of the road. We have estimated the damages to M^r Andrews at one hundred and thirty five dollars which he is unwilling to accept as a Compensation. The road thro' Arington Gibson's land is laid out two rods wide, there being a reserve of one and an half rod of land for a road thro' said Gibson's land in a deed from Capt Reuben Gibson to M^r John Putnam. The Subscribers thought it expedient to add half a rod more to the rod and an half, and have estimated the damage to M^r Gibson at Fifteen dollars which he is unwilling to receive as a Compensation for damage. The parties being duly notified &c. all which is Submitted

Peter Snow }
Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen.

Attest Peter Snow Town Cler.

Voted to have the Article pased over so far as it respects the Alteration in the road near M^r Jonas Marshall Jr.

Voted to disolve the Meeting

Attest

Peter Snow Town Cler.

[406] Worcester fs. To M^r Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg . . Greeting

Seal. You are hereby directed in the name of the
Seal. Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs and for town Officers to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday the first day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To choose a Medrator to govern Said meeting.

2^d To choose a Clerk Treafurer Selectmen, Afsefsors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law and to act any thing in regard to choosfng Collectors the town may think proper.

3 To fee what Sum of Money the town will raife to repair their Highways and Bridges the year enfuing or act any thing thereon.

4 To what Sum of money the town will raife to Support their Schools the year infuing, and act any thing thereon, and alfo to act any thing in regard to choosfng School Committee and defining their power & authority.

5 To see what Sum of money the town will raife to defray the necefsary expences of the town the year enfuing.

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treafurer

7 To fee what method the town will take to support their poor the year enfuing or act any thing thereon

8 To see if the town will vote to let the swine run at large under the regulation of the law the year enfuing.

9 To see if the town will refrain neat cattle from running at large the year enfuing

10 To fee if the town will give a bounty on Crows the year enfuing, or act any thing thereon

11 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen

12 To see if the town will make M^r David Whittemore any confideration as damages for the road, going thro' his land or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the town will annex M^r Amos Wheeler with his farm to School Diftrick N^o 12 or act any thing thereon.

14 To see if the town will repair the wall around the old burying or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this eighth day of February AD. 1819.

Peter Snow } Selectmen of
Joseph Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

[407] Worcester fs. February 13, 1819 Pursuant to this warrant to me directed I have notified and warned

all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs and for town officers as the law directs, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned. Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant and notification the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the first day of March AD 1819, as above directed the being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Voted and chose Capt. Philip F Cowdin Moderator

Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk. Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer.

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr. & John Willard Selectmen

Chose Peter Snow Joseph Downe Jr & John Willard Assessors.

Chose Capt. James Cowdin Benjamin Flint Jr Jonas Marshall Jr Samuel Phillips Elisha Carter Daniel Works Daniel Kinsman David Low Daniel Flint Jr. Elnathan Gibson Jonathⁿ Thurston John Kinsman. Jacob Tolman. Amos Sheldon 3^d Micah Shattuck Jesse McIntire, Joel Page Alpheus Boutell Amos Wheeler 2^d Highway Surveyors.

Chose Samuel Smith, John Phillips Samuel Hale Asa Sawyer John Lowe Jesse Bennet David Baldwin, John William Samuel Learned Abel French, & Sam^l White Hogsreaves.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr and Nehemiah Fuller Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell Jonas Marshall Jr Gen^l Leonard Burbank Isaiah Putnam and Amos Durant Firewards.

Chose George Wood Jr. Pound Keeper

Chose W^m Downe Joel Page and Joshua Pearce Field Drivers.

Chose Asa Perry and David Pratt Tythingmen

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell Ephm. Osborn & John Willard Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Samuel Phillips Joel Page and Levi Pratt Fence Viewers.

Chose Nehemiah Giles, Marshall Hastings John Lowe Ephraim Ofborn Jr. Abel Downe Afa Sawyer, Elisha Carter John Willard Micah Shattuck Capt Jonathan Thurston Daniel Kinsman and Capt Martin Newton School Committee.

Voted to pass over so much of the Second Article in the Warrant except what respects letting out the collection of the taxes.

[408] Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to raise One thousand dollars for the Support of Schools the year ensuing, to be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to pass over the 5th article in the warrant 'till the adjournment

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Chose Jonas Marshall Jr. Marton Newton & John Shepley Esq^r for Said Committee.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer, which is as follows Viz.

The Treasurer	D ^r	
To a balance due from him at the last Settlement		\$14.13
“ payment of a note by Jonas Marshall Jr. . .		498.70
“ Cash receiv'd of Samuel Houghton, Samuel Caswell J ^r & John Carter Jr. for conditional exemption from Military duty		6.00
“ Cash paid by the Selectmen—Received by them from the Town of Ashburnham for supporting the family of Joseph Fenno . .		43.50
“ payment by the same in Cash from the Town of Barre for supporting M ^{rs} Farrar . . .		72.00
“ payment by Samuel Houghton in completion in completion of his Collection of Taxes for the year 1817.		99.26
“ Sundry payments by Samuel Parker of his Collection for the year 1818		1549.48
Amounting to		2283.07

The Treasurer	Credit.
" By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen which we have compared with and checked on their records	2229.10
" Cash advanced to the Selectmen to pay the expence of a Journey to Newton on the account of the family of Obediah Hodgkins .	8.59
" Cash paid for Crows heads the year past .	12.58
" His services as Treasurer the year past . .	12.00
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	Amount 2262.27

By which it appears there is a ballance in the Treasurers hands of 20.80

We find due to the Town from Samuel Parker on his Collection for the year 1818. Including his fees for Collecting 619.32

We find due the several School-districts the sum of 300.17

We also find of the selectmens book records of unsatisfied orders to the amount of . . . 18.43

Leaving a ballance in favor of the Town on the last years assefsment of 321.52

All which is respectfully submitted by

Jonas Marshall Jur. }
 Martin Newton } Committee
 John Shepley }
 Joseph Simonds Treafurer

[409] Voted that the care of the Poor be left at the deferation of the Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to pafs over the eight article in the warrant.
 Voted to refrain neat cattle from running at large.
 Voted to pafs over the tenth Article in the warrant
 Voted to pafs the twelfth article in the Warrant
 Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the Warrant
 Voted to pafs over the fourteenth Article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Selectmen let out the collection of the taxes according to the best of their judgment.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in april next at two of the clock, in the afternoon.

Monday April 5th, 1819 The town met according to adjournment, the meeting being opened.

Voted to excuse Blaney Sampson from serving as a Highway Surveyor and Chose Samuel Phillips in his Stead.

The Selectmen being appointed to let out the collection of the taxes for the year ensuing did attend to that business, and let out the collection of the taxes on the north side of the town to Samuel Parker for the sum of One dollar and Eighty cents on the hundred dollars

Also the collection of the taxes on the south side of the town to Samuel Parker for one dollar and twenty five cents on the hundred dollars.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker Collector with Phillip F Cowdin and Nathan Andrews as bondsmen.

Voted and chose Samuel Parker & Samuel Houghton Constables.

Voted to raise Eleven Hundred dollars to defray the necessary expences of the town the year ensuing.

Voted that the Schoolars in town be numbered on the first day of May and that the School Committee return the number of each districts Schoolars to the Selectmen immediately after.

Voted that the Town Clerk notify the Committee of their appointment and of this vote.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. April 2^d 1819 Then Peter Snow took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk.

Also Peter Snow and Joseph Downe Jr severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen

Also Peter Snow and Joseph Downe Jr severally took the Oath required by law to be taken by Assessors, they having been chosen to said Offices in the town of Fitchburg in Said county. Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

[410] Worcester April 5th 1819. Then John Willard took the oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen.

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. Then John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Afsefsors

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 1, 1819. Then, James Cowdin, Benjamin Flint Jr Jonas Marshall Jr Elisha Carter Danl Works, Daniel Kinsman Daniel Flint Jr Elnathan Gibson, Jonathan Thurston Amos Sheldon 3^d Micah Shattuck Jesse M^cintire and Joel Page, appear'd and took the Oath required by by law to be taken by Highway Surveyors, and alfo Saml. Phillips, Alpheus Boutell John Kinsman

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Alfo John Phillips Jefse Bennet, and David Baldwin Jr. appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by Hogreeves

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Alfo Joseph Downe Jr took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Culler of Hoops and Staves Before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

Also Joel Page took the Oath required by law to be taken by a field Driver

Alfo Joseph Farwell and John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Surveyors of Lumber before

me Peter Snow Town Clerk

Alfo Joel Page Samuel Phillips and Levi Pratt appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by Fence viewers

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Aprl 17, 1819 Then Samuel Houghton took the Oath required by law To be taken by a Constable Before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk

May 3, 1819. Capt. John Thurston was appointed Sealer of Waits & Meafures And took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Sealer of Waits and Meafures before Me Peter Snow Just. Peace.

June 23, 1819. Then Samuel Parker took the oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of taxes before me

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 28, 1819 Then Samuel Parker took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Constable.

[411] Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby directed in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and those who are hereby qualified to vote for Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the meetinghouse on monday the fifth day of April next at three of the clock in in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this 15th. day of March AD. 1819.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Joseph Downe Jr.	
John Willard	

Worcester fs. March 20th. 1819. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned all the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and nineteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed. Viz.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks	122
Hon Benjamin W. Crowingshield	111

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honor. William Phillips	123
Hon Benjamin Austin	111

For Senators

Hon. Stephen P. Gardner	123
Aaron Tufts	123
Lewis Bigelow	123
Saml Eastman Esquires	123
Jonas Sibley	111
Joseph Adams	111
Zadock Gates	111
Edmond Cushing Esquires	111

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Willard	
Peter Snow Town Clerk	

[412] Worcester fs, To Mr Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg being twenty one years of age resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of ten dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars two meet at the meting house on the third day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, in the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twelvth day of April AD 1819.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Downe Jr	
John Willard	

April. 17. 1819. In obedience to the within Warrant to me directed by the Select men I have notified the Male

inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the male inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg assembled on the third day of May 1819 Voted not to send a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to to be held at Boston, this year,
Voted to difolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[413] Worcester fs. Mr Samuel Houghton one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house on the third day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see what the town will do in regard to citation from the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for Sefsions businefs at worcester March term 1819, on the petitions of Paul Wetherbee and others Which is as follows, Viz.

Worcester fs. Circuit Court of Common Pleas for sefsions businefs at worcester March term 1819.

On the petition aforesaid ordered that the petitions notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to appear at the next term of this court to be holden at Worcester within and for said County on the fifth Mondy in August next, by serving the Town Clerk of said town of Fitchburg with an attested Copy of said petition and this order of Court thereon, thirty days at least before the setting of said Court that they may then and there appear and shew cause if any they have why the prayer thereof should not be granted. Attest

Abijah Bigelow Clerk

Or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

3 To see if the town will discontinue the old road which turns off from the road by John and Samuel Smiths and Ephraim Hartwells till it meets the road lately laid out thro' the Hartwell farm.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April 1819

Peter Snow) Selectmen of
Joseph Downe Jr) Fitchburg

April. 17. 1819. In obedience to the within warrant to me directed by the Selectmen I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

[414] Pursuant to the preeceeding Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg met on the third day of May 1819.

The meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Chofe M^r Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee to view other routes for a road from the south part of the town to the centre and hear propofals and report at the adjournment.

Voted to choose three for said Committee.

Chofe for said Committee Dⁿ Samuel Gibson, Payon Williams and William Cunningham Esq^r

Voted to difcontinue the old road mentioned in the 3^d Article in the Warrant

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 27th. day of May instant at One O'clock P. M.

May 27. 1819. The town Meet according to adjournment, the meeting being Opened, Voted to accept the report of the Committee chofen to view other routes for a road from the south part of the town to the centre and hear propofals, which report is as follows Viz.

Your Committee having viewed the several routes contemplated for a road leading from the south part of the town of Fitchburg to the Meetinghouse in said town, beg

leave to report that in their Opinion that the rout laid by the Selectmen to be the best—they therefore recommend to the inhabitants of said town to accept of the road as laid out by them on condition that the Petitioners shall fullfill their former propofals all which is submitted [see page 342 & 404]

Samuel Gibson

Payson Williams.

Voted to choofe An Agent, or Agents to remonstrate against the grant of the petition by the Court of Sefsions.

Voted to choofe one Agent

Voted and chofe William Cunningham Esq^r for the said Agent.

Voted to difsolve the Meeting

Attest

Peter Snow town Cler

[415] 1819 August

Worcester fs. To M^r Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby directed in the name of the

(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and

warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at the Meeting houfe on monday the Sixth day of September next, at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles.

1 To choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of a road laid out from the new-meetinghoufe to the south part of the town where it has formerly been laid out, or act any thing refpecting said new road they may think proper.

3 To fee if the town will revife the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in said list, or accept the same.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty first day of august AD. 1819.

Peter Snow } Selectmen of
Jos. Downe Jr. } Fitchburg

Worester fs. Augt. 23, 1819.

Purfuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the

the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Sam^l. Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town met on monday the Sixth day of September, the meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant

1 Voted and chose Thomas Cowdin Moderator

2 Voted to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen in thir report to the town. [see page 342 & 404 for description.]

Voted to choose a Committee to build the bridge over the river

Voted to choose three for said Committee.

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr Jos. Simonds and Nehemiah Giles.

Voted to Accept the list of Jurors made out by the Selectmen.

Voted to disolve the Meeting

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[416] 1819 Perambulateing of Town lines

We the Subscribers two of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, & two of the Selectmen of the town of Westminster have this day perambulated and renewed the lines between Said towns as the law of this Commonwealth directs.

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Willard		
Jonas W. Whitney	}	Selectmen of Westminster.
Ezra Wood . .		

Fitchburg Oct^r 20, 1819.

We the subscribers two of the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg, and two of the Selectmen of the town of Ashburnham have this day perambulated and renewed the lines between said towns, as the law of this Commonwealth directs.

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
John Adams Jr	}	Selectmen of Ashburnham.
Thomas Hobert		

Fitchburg Oct^r 20, 1819.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg & Ashby have this day perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the said towns according to a law of this Commonwealth in such cases made & provided

October 21, 1819.	Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
	John Willard	
	Cushing Burr	} Selectmen of Ashby.
	Robert W. Bur .	

Agreeable to a law of this Commonwealth in such cases we the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Leominster & Fitchburg have this day perambulated the line, and renewed the bounds between said towns

October 22, 1819.	David Wilder	} Selectmen of Leominster
	Joseph G. Kendall	
	Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
	John Willard	

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg; have this day perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the said towns according to a law of this Commonwealth.

November 11 th 1819.	William Jones . .	} Selectmen of Lunenburg
	Abraham Parce	
	Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
	John Willard	

The above recorded by Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To M^r Samuel Houghton Constable of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby directed in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of this instant January, at one of the clock in the afternoon and when met to act on the following Articles Viz.

- 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the town will choose a Collector to finish

the collection of the taxes committed to Samuel Parker to collect for the years, 1818 and 1819 or act any thing in regard to chusing said Collector they may think proper

[417] 3 To see if the town will appoint some person or persons to prepare the bond to be given by the Collector who is to be chosen, or act any thing thereon

4 To see if the town will make the owners of the Horfe sheds nigh M^r Stephen Dole's any compensation for the ground they bought of said town to set their sheds on or act any thing respecting the said sheds, or ground as they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this 12 day of January AD. 1820.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Willard	
Jos. Downe Jr.	

Worcester fs. January 12, 1820

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested copy thereof on the front of the Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg. Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the preceeding Warrant the inhabitant of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs met on the twenty sixth day of January 1820. The meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

Voted and choose Joseph Down J^r Moderator.

Voted the Selectmen be a Committe to let out the collection of the taxes what remains not collected in the tax bills committed to Samuel Parker to collect for the years 1818 and 1819.

The Committee attended to that bufiness on the spot, and let out the collection above mentioned to M^r William Carlton he being the lowest bidder for the sum of Two dollars and twenty two cent on the hundred dollars.

Voted and chose William Carlton Collector.

Voted to authorize the town clerk to make out the bond to be given to the town by the Collector.

Voted to pals over the 4th in the Warrant

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

This may certify that on the 20th day of January 1820 William Carlton appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of Taxes Before me

John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

True Copy attest . . . Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[418] 1820. March Warrant.

Worcester fs. To Mr Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby directed, in the name of the
Seal commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
Seal Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and for Town officers, to meet and afsemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and when met to act on the following articles. Viz

1. To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2. To Choose Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Afsefsors, and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and to act any thing respecting chooseing Collectors the Town may think proper.

3. To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary expences the year ensuing.

6. To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.

7 To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

8. To see if the Town will vote to let the Swine run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

9. To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10. To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

11. To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

12 To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer, or any other person or persons to call on the bondsmen of Saml Parker collector of Taxes for the years 1818 and 1819, for the deficiency in not paying the several Treasurers the money which he collected.—to prosecute to final Judgement if necessary, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

13. To see if the Town will authorise their Treafurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

14. To see what the Town will do in regard to the Petition for the new contemplated road, signed by Jonas Marshall Jun and others, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this
14th day of February, 1820. Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jur } of
John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Feb. 19, 1820—Pursuant to the within Warrant directed to me by the Selectmen, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as therein exprefsed to meet at time and place and for the purporfes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

[419] 1820, March Proceedings

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and return thereon of notification, the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place, and for the purposes therein exprefsed, and on the first article

1 Voted & Chose Wm. Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

2 Walter Johnson Town Clerk—Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Then personally appeared Walter Johnson, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, took the oath required by Law to be taken by a Town Clerk, before Wm Cunningham Esq^r

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Voted & Chose

Joseph Downe Jun	} Selectmen.	Jos. Downe Jun	} Afsefsors
John Willard		John Willard	
Joseph Simonds		Jos. Simonds	

Jacob Upton	} Highway Surveyors	Elnathan Polley
Marshall Hastings		Jacob Gibson
Stephen Dole		Abel French
Asa Sawyer		Daniel Low
Payson Williams		Abram. Osborn
Josiah Caswell		Clark Hilton
Noah Andrews		Sam ^l Sheldon
Levi Farwell		Sam ^l Phelps
Abel Farwell		Abel Downe

Amos Lawrence	} Hogreeves.	Daniel Flint Jur
John Whitecomb		Cyrus Boynton
Peter S. Snow		John Williams
Daniel Low		Jon ^a Farnsworth
Eph ^m Osborn 3 ^d		John Low
Abijah Pratt		John Campbell
Daniel Works		Benj ^a Hartwell
Sam ^l Sheldon		Jabez Sawyer Jur
David Baldwin Jun		Porter Barton.

Joseph Downe Jun } Cullers of
Nathan Ordway } Hoops & Staves

Geo. Wood—Pound Keeper	} Firewards	Jos. Farwell
		Alpheus Kimball
		Francis Perkins
		Zach ^l Sheldon
		Jonas Marshall Jur

Eph ^m . Osborn 3 ^d	} Field Drivers		} Tytheingmen
Elisha Carter		John Farwell	
Jacob Upton		Jon ^a Thurston	

Zach ^l Sheldon	} Surveyors of Lumber	Jonas Marshall Jur	} Fence Viewers
Israel Wetherbee		John Willard	
Isaac Blanchard		Edward Smith	

[420] 1820 March Proceedings

Sam ^l Houghton	Joshua Phillips	} School Committee
Joshua Goodridge	Edward Smith	
Elijah Brown	Francis Dean	
Jacob Tolman	Amos Sheldon 2 ^d	
Thomas Harris	Jacob Jaquith Jur	
Noah Andrews	Oliver Fox	

1200 for roads

3. Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars for the repair of roads and Bridges the year ensuing, to be laid out the same as last year

1000 Schools

4 Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing, to be appropriated in the same manner as last year

5. Voted to pafs over this Article untill the adjournment.

6. Voted to choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.

Chose Wm. Cunningham, Peter Snow & Tho^s Cowdin, said Committee

7 Voted that the support of the Poor be let by the Overseers according to their best skill and Judgement.

8 Voted to pafs over this article in the warrant

9. Voted to restrain neat Cattle from runing at large

10. Voted that the Town give a bounty on Crows the year ensuing

Voted that the bounty be ten Cents per head, p^d by the Treasurer to the Inhaibitants of the Town for all Crows killed within the limits.

11. This article in the Warrant pafsed without Vote.

12 Voted to choose Agents to profecute to final judgement if necessary the Bondsmen of Sam^l Parker, Collector of Taxes for the years 1818, & 1819 for his deficiencies in the payment into the Treasury of the Taxes which he collected

Voted to choose three agents for theafor esaid purpose.

Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jur

Zachariah Sheldon &

Wm. Cunningham Esqr Said Agents.

Treasurer to borrow money

13. Voted that the Town Treasurer be empowered to borrow such sums of money as he shall think necessary for the present exigencies of the Town.

Opposition to the contemplated road

14. Voted to oppose the new contemplated road by Jonas Marshall Jun^r and others.

Voted choose an agent to appear before the Court of Sessions and make opposition to the laying out of said road.

Voted & Chose Samuel Gibson as agent.

Voted that the Selectmen let out the Collection of Taxes in the same manner as last year, taking bonds for the faithful collection of the same

Voted to ajourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[421] 1820 March Proceedings

After the adjournment of the meeting the Selectmen, agreeable to a Vote on the 7th article in the warrant, let out the support of the Poor to Jacob Upton for 309.75—on conditions hereafter named

Also the Collection of Taxes for the Town to Daniel Flint for 1.64 on the hundred dollars on condition that he procure bondsmen to the Satisfaction of the Town

Town Officers Sworn On the 6th day of March 1820—Personally appeared the following named persons, and respectively took the oath required by law to be taken by them in the office to which they were chosen as Town Officers. Viz.

Jacob Upton	Levi Farwell	} For Highway Surveyors.
Marshall Hastings	Elnathan Polley	
Stephen Dole	Abram Osborn	
Asa Sawyer	Sam ^l Sheldon	
Josiah Caswell	Abel Downe	

Elisha Carter . . for Field Driver

Sam ^l Sheldon	} For Hogreeves
Porter Barton	
Jon ^a Farnsworth	

N. Ordway—for Culler of hoops & Staves

Isaac Blanchard for Surveyor of Lumber

Jonas Marshall Jur } for Fence Viewers
Edward Smith . }

Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

March 10, 1820—Then Payson Williams appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by Highway Surveyor Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Mar. 11, 1820. Then Israel Wetherbee appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Surveyor of Lumber. Before me Walter Johnson T. Clerk

April 3, 1820. Then John Willard appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a fence veiwer. Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 11, 1820. Then Zachariah Sheldon, appeared and took the oath required by law to be taken by a Constable Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 21, 1820 Then Daniel Flint appeared & took the Oath prescribed by law to be taken by a Constable. Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[422] 1820 March Coditions of Supporting the Poor.

Conditions on which the Poor of the Town of Fitchburg were let out for one year, from March 9th 1820 to march 9, 1821, Viz. the undertaker to Board, Clothe and comfortably provide for, in Sicknefs and health the persons hereafter named. Viz Sam^l French—Sam^l French Jun^r together with his Wife & Child—Meves Beaver Mrs Sally Kimball & Child—Susan Smith—Jonah Spauldin—Tow of Mrs Hodgkins Children—one of Mrs Abigail Bennets children—& Oliver Upton till the first of Sept. next, and to leave their Clothes in as good condition as when received.—And if any of the above named persons should decease within the course of the year, the Town to be at the expence of burying, and the Doctors bill if any of them are Sick.

And if any of said Paupers shall elope or run away within said term the undertaker is to bring them back at his own expence, and pay all expence in consequence thereof. — The children above named to have the same advantage of schooling as other children in the district where they reside. The undertaker to have the Benefit of the labor of said Paupers ; and receive his pay quarterly in orders drawn on the Town Treasurer.

Let out to Jacob Upton For 309.75

Providing for the above named Paupers was let out to Mr Jacob Upton at publick Auction on the sixth of March Instant for the sum of three hundred and nine dollars and Seventy five Cents

Jacob Upton Undertaker

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen

John Willard } and

Joseph Simonds } Overseers of the Poor

A True Copy, Attest, Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Worcester fs. March 25th 1820. Then Mefsr Joseph Downe Jur John Willard, and Jos. Simonds took the Oath required by law to be taken, as afsefsors of the Town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

Also, the said Downe, Willard, and Simonds then took the Oath required by law to be taken by Selectmen respecting elections and returns for the year ensuing

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True Copy. Attest. Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820. August. 7. Then appeared John Williams and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Hogreve, he being duly chosen to that office in the Town of Fitchburg.

Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[423] Adjournment of March Meeting

April 3^d 1820 Town met according to adjournment at March meeting.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, which is hereinafter recorded.

2000 for necessary Expences

Voted to raise two thousand dollars to defray the necessary and current expences of the Town the year ensuing

Voted to accept the resignation of Jonas Marshall Jur. Zachariah Sheldon & Wm. Cunningham Esqr, who were chosen agents to prosecute the Bondsmen of Saml Parker to final Judgement, if it were necessary.

Moved & seconded to choose one agent to prosecute the said Bondsmen as aforesaid Negatived.

Voted to pass over the 12th article in the warrant, which relates to appointing some person or persons to prosecute, the Bondsmen of Saml Parker to final judgement, if necessary.

Voted to accept of Capt Francis Dean and Elnathan Polley as Bondsmen of Daniel Flint, to whom was let out the collection of Taxes for the Town, at 1.64 on the hundred dollars

Collector Voted & Chose Daniel Flint Collector.

Constables Voted & Chose Daniel Flint Constable

Voted & Chose Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Wm Cunningham Moderator

Attest— Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820 Report of Committee to settle with the Treasurer Fitchburg Mar 29, 1820

The subscribers, chosen by the Town of Fitchburg, a committee to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, submit the following statement.

The Treasurer		Dr.
To the ball ^e in his hands on the adjustment of his accounts Apl 3, 1819	\$20.80	
To Cash, received at Sundry times, of Saml Parker in completion of said Parkers Collection of the Town Tax for the year 1818	619.32	
To Cash received at Sundry times, of Saml Parker on acct of his Collection for the year 1819	271.58	

To Cash rec ^d of Wm. Carlton, on account of Taxes uncollected by Sam ^l Parker, an ab- sconding Collector, and Since, duly commit- ted for collection to said Carlton	1194.20
Carried forward—	<u>\$2105.90</u>
[424] 1820 March Adj ^t	
Treasurers account brought forward	\$2105.90
To Cash received of John Phillips for conditional exemption from Military duty	2.—
To ball ^l due the Treasurer	33.08
	<u>\$2140.98</u>

The Treasurer Cr.

By Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen which he has paid, & which we have compared with the Selectmens Records, checked them thereon, & destroyed them	2128.98
By his Services as Treasurer	<u>12.—</u>
	<u>\$2140.98</u>

Of the Taxes committed to the collection of Wm Carlton, 69.43 of the State Tax remains unpaid, of the year 1818—and of the Town Taxes committed to him to collect for the year 1819—21.98 remain unpaid.

Samuel Parker at the time of his absconding, had collected, it appears of the Tax of 1819, 739.80 more than he paid into the Treasury.

The dificiencies of Parker with the Sums now in the hands of the collector, would overpay the debts against the Town on the first of this month, about the Sum of 500 dollars—but the sum in the hand of the collector is insufficient to pay those debts by about 175 dollars.

Wm. Cunningham	} Committee.
Peter Snow	
Thomas Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	Treasurer.

A True Copy Attest, Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820.—April

Worcester fs To Samuel Houghton one of the Consta-
bles of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

L S You are hereby required in the name of the com-
 L S monwealth of Mafsachusetts to warn the male in-
 L S habitants of the Said Town of Fitchburg qualified
 by the Constitution to vote for governour and Lieut
 Governour, and those who are thereby qualified to vote
 for Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the meetinghouse
 on monday the third day of April next, at two o'clock in
 the afternoon to give in their votes for Governour, Lieut.
 Governour, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the
 Constitution of said commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
 thirteenth day of March AD. 1820.

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs. Mar 18, 1820. By Virtue of the within
 warrant to me directed I have notified and warned, as
 the law directs, the freeholders & others, qualified as
 within, mentioned to meet at the time and place and for
 the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable for Fitchburg.

[425] 1820—April Meeting. Governour & C—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
 of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, and common-
 wealth of Mafsachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to
 vote for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators and Coun-
 sellors, holden on the third day of April, being the first
 monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thou-
 sand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving
 in their Votes for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators
 and Counsellors of said commonwealth. Votes for the
 following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and dec-
 laration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed,
 Viz.

Governour

For His Excellency John Brooks	107.
“ Hon. William Eustis	103.

Lieut Governour

For His Honor William Phillips	107
“ Hon Benja Austin	103

Senators and Counsellors.

For Hon Stephen P. Gardner	107
Aaron Tufts	107
Lewis Bigelow	106
Samuel Eastman	107
Levi Lincoln Jun	102
Calvin Willard Esqr	101
Col ^o Henry Sargent	103
Maj ^r James Estabrook	103
Col ^o Edmund Cushing	1
Joel Crosby Esqr	1
Capt Nathan Howe	1

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Attest. Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

1820. Apl. for Town businefs

Worcester fs To Samuel Houghton Constable of the
 Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal. You are hereby required in the name of the

Seal. Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and

warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said

Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet

at the meetinghouse on monday the third day of Apl next

at four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles—

Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will allow Jacob Uptons
 account for the burying of Eph^m Smith, Jonathan Ware,
 and Wife, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

3^d To see what the Town will do with the clothing,
 and other materials, that belonged to Jonathan Wares &
 wife or act any thing thereon.

Given—

[426] 1820—April Meeting for Town Businefs

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of March AD 1820.

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen
John Willard } of
Fitchburg

Worcester fs. March 21. 1820 By virtue of the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned as the law directs, the freeholders and others, qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within expressed.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants being legally assembled at the meetinghouse, as directed; on the first article

1st Voted & chose Wm Cunningham Esqr Moderator.

2^d Voted that the Selectmen allow Jacob Upton, thirty three dollars in full for his bill (the amount of which is 48.50) for the burial of Ephraim Smith, Jonathan Ware & wife

Voted that three dollars be added to the above sum of 33 dollars

3^d Voted that the clothing and other articles, left by Jonathan Wares & Wife, Paupers, deceased, be distributed, by the Selectmen, among their heirs, as, in their judgement, shall be equitable.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Wm. Cunningham Esqr Moderator

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

May 1820 For Representatives

To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of Said Town, being
twenty one years of age, and resident in Said Town
for the space of one year next preceding, having a free-
hold estate within Said Town, of the annual income of

ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meetinghouse in Said Town on monday the first day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the general court appointed to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands & Seals at said Fitchburg this thirteenth day of April AD. 1820

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

[427] 1820 May

Fitchburg May 1820. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of said Fitchburg, to meet at the time & place, and for the purpose therein expressed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

Voted not to Send a Representative

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the meetinghouse, in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day May, 1820 at one o'clock P M.

It was moved & Seconded not to send a representative the present year—which passed in the affirmative.

Moved that the meeting be dissolved, passed in the affirmative Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

Seal. You are hereby required, in the name of the
Seal. commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal. warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs,
and for the choice of Town officers, to meet and assemble
at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first
day of May next, at three of the clock in the afternoon
to act on the following articles.—Viz.—

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To See if the Town will discontinue a certain road on land of Sylvanus Lapham and Elnathan Polley, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To See if the Town will again take into consideration the appointment of an agent or agents, to prosecute to final Judgement and execution the bondsmen of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector for deficiencies of not paying to the several Treasurers, money by him collected on taxbills committed to him for the years 1818 & 1819.

4th To see if the Town will authorise the agent or agents they may appoint, in concurrence with their Selectmen to make a Settlement with said bondsmen at any time previous to, or after prosecution, or act any thing in respect to giving such authority they may think proper

5th To see if the Town will make any further compensation to Jacob Upton for Funeral expences of paupers.

6th To See if the Town will accept the resignation of their Abscisors, chosen at the annual meeting in march last, and choose others to supply their places.

Given under our hands and Seals this thirteenth day of April AD. 1820

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of said Town
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

[428] 1820 May For Town affairs

Fitchburg May , 1820 As directed in the within warrant, I have notified & warned the freeholders and other inhabitants in said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, held at the meetinghouse, on monday the first day of May, at three o'clock P. M. AD 1820 for Town business, on the first articles

1st. Voted & Chose Calvin Willard Esqr. Moderator.

2^d Moved & Seconded to pass over the Second article in the warrant passed in the affirmative.

3^d Moved & Seconded — to choose an agent or agents to prosecute to final Judgement & execution, the bondsmen of Sam^l Parker an absconding collector for his deficiencies in not paying into the several Treasurers the money collected by him on Taxbills committed to him to collect for the years 1818. & 1819.

house polled, this passed in the affirmative.

Moved & Second^d to choose one agent passed in the affirmative.

Moved & Second^d to choose said agent by ballot — negatived.

Moved & Second^d to choose said agent by nomination, passed in the affirmative

Moved & Second^d to reconsider the vote passed "to choose said agent by nomination," passed in the affirmative.

Moved & Sec^d to choose one agent agreeable to the 3^d article in the Warrant, house being polled passed in the affirmative.

Moved & Sec^d to choose said agent by ballot, pass^d in affirmative.

Voted & chose Wm. Cunningham Esqr said agent. .

4th Moved & Sec^d to pass over the 4th article in the Warrant, pass^d in affirmative

Moved & Sec^d to reconsider the Vote to pass over the 4th article in the Warrant passed in the affirmative. . .

Moved & Sec^d, that the Selectmen be joined with the agent chosen by the Town, and that they be instructed to settle with the bondsmen of said Parker, without prosecution if practicable, otherwise to prosecute to final Judgement and execution

5th Moved & Seconded to pass over the 5th article in the warrant. In the affirmative

6—Moved & Sec^d to pass over the 6th article in the Warrant. In the affirmative

Moved & Seconded, & Voted to dissolve the meeting.
Calvin Willard Moderator

Attest, Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[429] 1820. June

Worcester fs. To Capt. Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg, . . . Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to
assemble & meet at the meetinghouse in said Town on
monday the 26th of June instant at three of the Clock P.
M. & when met to act on the following articles, Viz. .

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will direct the bond, given by
Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell to the Inhabitants
of said Town as sureties of Samuel Parker for the year
1819, to be given up to said sureties, or to be cancelled
without any terms, or upon such Terms as the Town
may think proper; or act any thing respecting said bond,
or the prosecution thereof, which may then be thought
best. . . .

3^d To see if the Town will direct their assessors to
leave out of their Town assessment, any part of the sum
voted at the adjournment of the annual meeting in march
last, or act any thing thereon the Town may deem proper.

Given under our hands and seals this fifth day of June
AD 1820.

Joseph Downe Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the
inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed to
meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within
mentioned. Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

1820 June 26—Agreeable to the foregoing warrant &
return, the Town being assembled, and on the first article.

1st Voted & chose Joseph Downe Jun^r Moderator.

2^d Moved and Seconded to pass over the Second arti-
cle in the warrant meeting being polled, passed in the
negative. . . .

Moved by Eph^m Kimball Jun & Seconded by Asa Far-

well, that the sureties of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector, be discharged from the bond given by them to the Town, for the year 1819, by their paying two hundred dollars, and transferring a mortgage, held by them, from said Parker, to the Town. Meeting polled & passed in the affirmative

Moved by Wm. Cunningham Esqr & Seconded by Eph^m Kimball Jun, that the Sureties on the Bond of Samuel Parker, for the year 1819, within thirty days next ensuing, pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the Town of Fitchburg, the sum of two hundred dollars, or shall give security to the said Treasurer, to his acceptance for the said sum, payable within one year with Interest, and make, besides, a transfer of a mortgage received by them of said Parker, for their security, and on their performance of these things the said Treasurer shall give a receipt in behalf of the Town, in full discharge of the said sureties, from further accountability on the said Instrument.

Passed in the affirmative.

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3^d Art.—Moved & Voted that the Afsefsors leave out any part of the money, raised at the adjourned march meeting in April last, as, in their judgement, shall be unnecessary to be afsefsed. . . .

Voted, that Wm. Cunningham Esqr, the agent chosen by the Town, on the first day of May last, to Settle with, or prosecute to final Judgement, if necessary, the Bondsmen of Samuel Parker, an absconding collector, be discharged from that trust, on the fulfillment of the said Bondsmen, of the condition, prescribed by the Town under the Second article in the warrant.

Voted to disolve the meeting. . . .

Joseph Downe Jun^r Moderator

Attest. . . . Walter Johnson Town Clerk

July 1820

On the expediency of choosing Delegates to meet in Convention

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg,
Greeting.

Seal In pursuance of an act of the general Court,
Seal passed June 16, 1820, entitled "An act relating to
 calling of a convention of Delegates of the people,
for the purpose of revising the Constitution." You are
hereby required, in the name of the commonwealth of
Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the constitu-
tion to vote in the choice of Senators and Representatives
in said Court, to assemble and meet at the meeting-house
in said Town, on monday the twenty first day of August
next, at three of the Clock P. M. to give in their votes
by ballot, on the following question. "Is it expedient
that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for
the purpose of revising, or altering, the constitution of
Government of this Commonwealth"

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg
the 22^d day of July AD. 1820

Joseph Down Jun^r } Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as
herein directed, to meet at the time & place as within, by
posting up a warrent fourteen days before the day herein
mentioned.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-
wealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution
to vote for Senators or Representatives, holden on
the twenty first day of August being the third mon-
day of Said month, in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and twenty, pursuant to a law
of this Commonwealth, for the purpose of giving
in their votes, by ballot, on the following question,
"Is it expedient that delegates Should be chosen, to

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meet in Convention, for the purpose of Revising or alter-
ing the Constitution of Government of this Common-
wealth."

Yeas 85 Nays 00

The whole number of votes were, in open Town meeting received, Sorted, Counted and declared, and record thereof made as follows:

For the said measure, there were. Eighty five Votes.
And against the said measure, these were, . . . Votes.

Joseph Downe Jun.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

Sept. 1820 For the Choice of Delegates

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg
. Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
warn the male Inhabitants of Said Town being
twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town for
the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold
estate within said Town of the annual income of ten dol-
lars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars,
to assemble and meet at the meeting-house in said Town
on monday the Sixteenth day of October next, at one of
the clock P. M. to elect one or more Delegates, to meet
Delegates from other Towns, in convention at Boston, on
the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose
of Revising the Constitution of Government of this Com-
monwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg
this thirtieth day of Sept. AD. 1820

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed
by posting up a warrant at the meeting-house fourteen
days before the said day of meeting

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable

Elected—C. Willard & John Shepley Delegates

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth the Inhab-

itants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified according to the Constitution, to vote for Representatives in the General Court, having been duly convened in Town meeting, on the sixteenth day of October, being the third monday of said month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty, to elect two Delegates to meet Delegates from other Towns in convention, at Boston, on the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose of Revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, did then and there elect Calvin Willard and John Shepley Esqrs to be their Delegates for the purposes aforesaid.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg
 Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Attest

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Worcester fs.—

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
 Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as required by law to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble and meet at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of November next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give their Votes for a Representative to Congress for the Worcester North District. Given under our hands & Seals, and Dated at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of October AD 1820

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within directed by posting up a warrant at the meeting house fourteen days before the day of meeting
 Zachariah Sheldon Constable

For Representative to Congrefs

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the Sixth day of November, being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the Said Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States, for the Worcester North District: Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed. To wit:

For Hon. Jonas Kendall Esqr thirty five Votes

Edmund Cushing Esqr thirty three Votes

Timothy Whiting Esqr one Vote

Hon Lewis Bigelow Esqr—one Vote

Edman Cheshen Esqr two Votes.

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen
John Willard } of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Attest—

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

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Worcester ss—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Seal Greeting—You are hereby required in the name
Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify
Seal and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of
the Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in
in the Choice of Representatives, to assemble and meet at
the meeting-house in said Town, on monday the Sixth
day of November next at two of the Clock P. M. to give
in their votes for one Elector of President and Vice Presi-
dent of the United States, for the Worcester North Dis-
trict, Also for two Electors to be chosen by the people at
large.

Given under our hands & Seals this day of October
AD 1820

Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen
John Willard } of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I notified the inhabitants as within directed by posting up a warrant at the meetinghouse fourteen days before the day of meeting.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on monday the Sixth day of November, being the first monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Elector of President and Vice President of the United States, for the Worcester North District, and for two Electors to be chosen by the People at Large; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed.

To wit; For Electors at Large.

His Honor Wm. Phillips Esqr thirty Seven Votes

Hon. Wm. Gray Esqr thirty Seven Votes

Hon. Benj^a W. Crowninshield Esqr thirty three Votes

Hon Levi Lincoln Esqr thirty three Votes

For Worcester North District

Hon. Thomas H. Blood Esqr thirty seven Votes

Moses Thomas Esqr thirty three Votes

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[434] 1821 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and
for the choice of Town Officers, to meet and assemble at

the meeting-house in said Town on monday the fifth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles—Viz. . . .

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Afsefsors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

3^d To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the ensuing year, or act any thing thereon.

4th To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

5th To see what sum, or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary expences the year ensuing.

6th To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer.

7th To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

8th To see if the Town will let the swine run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing

9th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from runing at large the year ensuing.

10th To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, and act any thing thereon.

11th To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon

12th To see if the Town will notify Mr Eph^m Kimball Jun that they are unwilling, any longer to support the bridge near the scythe Factory of Mefrs Farwells & Kimballs, or act any thing thereon.

13th To see if the Town will discontinue a road laid out through land of Jacob McIntire, for the benefit of Daniel McIntire. . . .

Given under our hands and seals, this twelfth day of
Feb. AD. 1821

Joseph Downe Junr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed by posting up a warrant fourteen days at least before the day within mentioned.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

A true copy Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[435] 1821 Proceedings at March Meeting

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg duly qualified by law, to vote in Town affairs, & for the choice of Town Officers, being legally assembled on the fifth day of March 1821, and on the first article in the warrant

Art 1st Voted & Chose Payson Williams Moderator,
to which succeeded the reading of the list of Voters,—
Prayers by the Rev^d Mr Eaton & the reading the Riot
act, and the act against profane cursing and Swearing.

Art. 2^d Voted & Chose Walter Johnson, Town Clerk,
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

“ Joseph Downe Jur	} Select-	Joseph Downe Jur	} Afsefsors
“ John Willard		John Willard	
“ Joseph Simonds		Joseph Simonds	

Voted to adjourn for three fourths of an hour.—Met according to adjournment

Voted & Chose

Joshua Goodridge	Elijah McIntire Jun	} Highway Surveyors.
Wm. Cunningham	Israel Wetherbee	
Enoch Caldwell	Joseph Carter	
Phillip F. Cowdin	Benja. Wheeler	
Daniel Tuttle	Tim. F. Downe	
Samuel Gibson Jur	Thaddens Gray	
Luther Gibson	Benj ^a Herrick	
Benj ^a Brown	Jos. McIntire	
Samuel Smith	Ephm. Osborn 3 ^d	
Amos Wheeler 2 ^d		

Daniel Lapham	Josiah Hartwell	} Hogreeves
Oliver Haskell	Eben ^r Hutchinson Jur	
Joseph Simonds	Asa P. Cowdin	
John Andrews	Sam. ^l W. Harris	
Artemas Simonds	Josiah G. Pierce	
Abram. Osborne	Eliakim Davis	
Arrington Gibson		
Joseph Downe Jur	Nathan Ordway—	
	. . . . . Cullers of Hoops & Staves	
Jonas Marshall Jur	Zachariah Sheldon	} Firewards.
Jabez Sawyer Jur	John Phillips	
Martin Newton		
George Wood	Pound keeper	
Thaddeus Gray, Daniel Low, James Cowdin—	Field drivers	
Joseph Farwell—	Tytheingman	
Jos. Upton, Israel Wetherbee, Zach ^h Sheldon,—		

Surveyors of lumber

Oliver Fox, Ephm. Kimball Jur Asa Farwell—Fenceviewers

[436] 1821 March Continued

Walter Johnson	Wm. Carter	} School Committee
Jacob Upton	Wm. Carlton	
Alpheus Boutell	Eben ^r Thurston 2 ^d	
Paul Boynton	Nathan Ordway	
David Baldwin	John Andrews	
Thomas Eaton	Daniel Low	

Voted to pass over the choice of a collector until the adjournment.

Voted to choose a committee of three to let out the Collection of Taxes

Voted that the Selectmen be said Committee

Voted that said committee let out the Collection of Taxes at auction to the lowest bidder, taking sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge of that trust.

Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all Taxes committed to him for collection, before, or at, the adjournment of the annual March meeting, and that he shall receive no compensation, for any Taxes collected after said adjournment, except such as cannot be legally collected.

Art. 3^d Voted to raise 1000 dollars to repair the Highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to allow twelve Cents per hour at the highways

Art. 4th Voted to raise 800 dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year

Voted that the school money be laid in the same proportion as last year

Art. 5th Voted to pass over this article untill the adjournment.

Art. 6th Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the Treasurer

Voted & Chose John Willard Oliver Fox & Jonas Marshall Jr for Said Committee

Art. 7th Voted that the Poor be let out, at the discretion of the Selectmen

Art. 8th Voted to pass over this article

Art. 9th Voted that neat Cattle be restrained from running at large.

Art. 10th Voted to pass over this article, untill it shall be called up.

Art. 11th Voted to pass over this article untill the adjournment.

Art. 12th Voted that the Town inform Mr Ephm. Kimball Jur. that they are unwilling, any longer, to support the bridge near the Seythe Manufactory of Mefrs Farwells & Kimballs.

Voted that the Town Clerk notify Mr Kimball at this time & was notified accordingly.

Art. 13—Voted to pass this article untill the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest—

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[437] 1821 Town Officers Sworn

March 6. Personally appeared Walter Johnson before Wm Cunningham Esqr and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Town Clerk.

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

Mar. 8. 1821. Josiah Hartwell, appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken by a Hogreeve,—
before me, Walter Johnson T. Clerk

March 14. 1821. The following Persons appeared and took the Oath required by law, to be taken by each in the respective Offices to which they were chosen Viz
Thaddeus Gray Highway Surveyor

April 2^d 1821 — Joseph Downe Jur, John Willard & Joseph Simonds appeared & took the oath for the faithful discharge of their duty as Selectmen, having been duly chosen to that office, in regard to elections & returns

Oliver Fox as fence viewer

Benjamin Herrick as Highway Surveyor.

Zachariah Sheldon as Constable

James Cowdin—Fieldriver

Artemas Simonds—Sealer of Weights & Measures

Joseph Simonds—Town Treasurer

William Carlton Constable & Collector

Worcester fs. Oct. 30, 1821. Then Ephm. Kimball Jur personally appeared and took the Oath required by law to be taken to qualify him to discharge the duty of fence viewer for the Town of Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

April 2^d 1821. The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled according to adjournment, at their annual march meeting

Voted to accept the report of their committee, chosen to settle with their Treasurer, & which is as follows, Viz

Fitchburg March 30, 1821

The subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town at their annual meeting on the fifth instant, for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, offer the following report.—Viz.

The Treasurer	Dr	
To cash hired by him for the use of the Town .		\$438.00
“ the proceeds of Sale of a Cow improved by the late Mr Wares		12.—
“ Cash paid by Marshall Hastings & John Phil- lips for conditional exemption from Mili- tary duty		4.—
“ Cash paid by the Town of Groton for pro- viding for Mrs Bathsheba Farnsworth, & the family of Moses Sawtell		26.96
“ payment by Wm. Carlton on 1818. Tax bill		36.65
“ payment by Daniel Flint on his collection for the year 1820		1924.80
		<u>\$2422.41</u>

Carried forward—

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Treasury report brought forward.	Dr.	<u>\$2442.41</u>

The Treasurer	Cr	
By Ballance due him on the last Settlement . .		\$33.08
“ payment of Orders drawn on him by the Se- lectmen		2398.62
“ Interest paid by him on Cash borrowed for the use of the Town		3.49
“ Cash paid for 151 Crows heads		15.10
“ Loss on 30\$ of bills of Wiscassett & Wol. & Augusta Banks		15.—
“ his Services as Treasurer the year past . . .		12.—
		<u>\$2477.29</u>
Ballance due the Treasurer		\$34.88

We find due the Town from Wm. Carlton on 1818. Tax bills		32.78
Due from the Same on 1819 Tax bills		21.98
Due from Daniel Flint 1820 Tax including his fees for collection		666.80
We find in the Treasury a note signed by Thomas Eaton and Benjamin Fuller dated May 15, 1820. payable in one year from date, on Interest in		

Six months from that time, It being for Saml Parkers delinquencies on a State Tax for the year 1818—Sum	46.70
We find, also, in the Treasury a note signed by Phillip F. Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell dated June 26 th 1820—payable in one year from date with Interest—It being towards Saml Parkers delinquencies on his collection for the year 1819 sum	200.—
We find the Town is owing the above stated sum hired by the Treasurer for the Towns use—exclusive of Interest on the same	438.—
We find due the Several school districts the sum of	304.03
We also find on the selectmens book of records of unsatisfied orders the Sum of	176.76

John Willard	} Committee
Jonas Marshall Jur	
Oliver Fox	
Joseph Simonds Treasurer.	

1000.\$ For necessary expences

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the current and necessary expences of the Town the year ensuing.

The committee chosen by the Town to let out the collection of Taxes presented the following report, Viz

Fitchburg Mar. 5, 1821

The subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of letting out the collection of Taxes for the present year, report as follows Viz—

That we proceeded by public vendue to let out Said collection to the lowest bidder on the hundred dollars, on the following conditions,—Viz, that he give bonds to the acceptance of the Town for the faithfull discharge of his duty as collector, and, in case of his not collecting and paying over the several sums contained in his tax-bills according to the directions, in his warrant from the assessors, before the first monday in April, which will be in the year of our Lord 1822, he is to receive no fees for the collection of—

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of such delinquencies, except in cases in which he cannot levy and collect the same by law.

Struck off to Wm. Carlton at 1.71 on the hundred dollars.

Joseph Downe Jur	} Committee
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Voted to accept the doings of aforesaid committee, and of Wm. Carter and John Badcock as bondsmen for Wm Carlton, for the faithfull discharge, & fulfillment of the conditions, on which he takes the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted & Chose Wm. Carlton,—Collector

“ Wm Carlton & Zachariah Shelden, Constables

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the meeting for voting for Governour & C is closed.

According to adjournment, the meeting being again opened

Voted to excuse Capt. Benja^a Wheeler from serving as Highway surveyor

Voted & Chose Jotham Wright instead of Capt Wheeler for surveyor

Voted to pass over the 10th article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to April 9th at 4 o'clock P. M. Attest Walter Johnson, Town Clerk

April 9, 1821 Met according to adjournment, the meeting being being opened, Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the day of May Meeting at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

May 7, 1821. At 3 o'clock P. M. The Town being convened according to adjournment.

Voted that the 10th article be passed over without day.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town, if necessary.

Voted that Col^o Boynton be excused from serving as a school committee

Voted & Chose Nathan Tolman in lieu of Col^o Boynton excused.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Payson Williams Moderator

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[440] 1821—April Warrant for Gov^r & Lt. Gov^r & Senators

To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg
 Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, of twenty one years' of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting-house in said Town, on monday the second day of April next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governour, Liut. Governour; and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this twelfth day of March AD. 1821.

Joseph Downe Ju	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as within directed, by posting up a warrant fourteen days at least before said day within mentioned.

Zachariah Shelden, Constable.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, assembled at the time & place, and for the purposes mentioned in the preceeding warrant, Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, Viz
 Votes for Gov^r & C

For Governour

His Excellency John Brooks	97
Hon Wm. Eustis	99

For Lieut Governour

His Hon. Wm. Phillips	97
Hon. Levi Lincoln	100

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Aaron Tufts	96
Genl. Salem Towne Jur	94
John Shepley Esqr	95
Nathanl. Jones Esqr	95
Hon. Jonas Sibley	99
Warren Rawson Esqr	99
James Estabrook Esqr	99
Moses Thomas Esqr	99
Genl. Salem Towne	2

Joseph Downe J } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

[441] 1821 Warrant for Convention meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
 Greeting.

Seal. You are hereby required, in the name of the
 Seal. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 Seal. warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 Town of Fitchburg, qualified by law to vote in the
 choice of Senators or Representatives in the general Court,
 to assemble and meet at the meetinghouse in said Town,
 on monday the ninth day of April next, at one of the
 Clock P. M to give in their Votes by ballot for, or against
 each of the fourteen articles of amendment to the consti-
 tution of this Commonwealth, pursuant to a Resolution
 of the Convention of Delegates, assembled at Boston, on
 the 15th of November AD 1820

Given under our hands & Seal this fourteenth day of
 March AD 1821

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified as within directed by posting up a warrant to the inhabitants fourteen days before said day mentioned within

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Fitchburg County of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants, Freeholders and others, of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives, holden on the second Monday of April AD 1821, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates, assembled at Boston on the 15th Nov^r AD 1820 for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Votes on Amendments

The votes on the Several amendments submitted by the convention were as follows,

Article 1 st —yeas 41—nays 53	Article 8 th yeas 87—nays 10
Article 2 ^d —yeas 83—nays 17	Article 9 th yeas 51—nays 15
Article 3 ^d —yeas 81 nays 16	Article 10 th yeas 29—nays 61
Article 4 th yeas 48 nays 31	Article 11 th yeas 65—nays 24
Article 5 th yeas 35 nays 59	Article 12 th yeas 52—nays 37
Article 6 th yeas 65 nays 21	Article 13 th yeas 68—nays 21
Article 7 th yeas 51 nays 31	Article 14 th yeas 55—nays 37

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

} Selectmen of
} Fitchburg

[442] 1821 Warrant For May Meeting Representatives

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg
Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being
twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town
for the space of one year next preceeding, having a free-
hold estate within said Town of the annual income of ten

dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg, this Sixteenth day of April A. D. 1821

Joseph Downe Jur	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

Voted not to Send a Representative—

The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the time and place, and for the purpose therein mentioned—the meeting being opened by reading the warrant.

It was Moved and Seconed, not to send a representative to the General Court the Current year

Passed in the affirmative.

Attest

Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Business

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg,
Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at four o'clock P. M. and when met to act on the following articles, Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To See if the Town will sell, and transfer their right and title, in and too, a Mortgage deed of certain

real estate therein described, signed by Samuel Parker to Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell, and transfered by them to the Inhabitants of Said Town—and act any thing relative thereto which may be thought proper

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of April AD. 1821.

Joseph Downe Ju } Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable.

Apl. 20, 1821. Fitchburg

[443] 1821 May—Town Business

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assembled at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named, on the first article

1st Voted & Chose Payson Williams Moderator

2^d Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to sell and convey, or to dispose of the land or Mortgage, as described in the warrant, as they shall think best, for the interest of the Town.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Payson Williams Moderator

Attest Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Afsefsors Sworn

Fitchburg May 9, 1821. Then personally appeared Joseph Downe Ju John Willard & Joseph Simonds, and took the Oath prescribed by law to be taken by Afsefsors, they having been duly chosen as such in the Town of Fitchburg.— The said Downe, Willard & Simonds took the Oath, to do & perform the whole duty of Afsefsors, as directed and enjoined by an act of this Commonwealth, made in the present year, entitled “an act to ascertain the rateable estate within this commonwealth.

Before me Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Sept 1821 Warrant for Town Business

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
Seal warn, the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to
meet and assemble at the meeting-house on Tuesday the
second day of October next at two of the clock P. M. to
act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will grant liberty to any of
the inhabitants to erect Tombs in either of the burying
yards, or act any thing thereon

3^d To see if the Town will any longer Credit on the
notes signed by Samuel Parkers sureties or act any thing
thereon.

4th To see if the Town will direct their Selectmen to
provid for the support of Susan Gibson, for a term of
time at the Insane Hospital at Charlestown, or act any
thing thereon.

5th To See if the Town will provide buckets for the
engine Company,—or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of
Sept. AD. 1821 Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Sept. 18. 1821.

I have notified the inhabitants of said Town as with-
in directed Zachariah Sheldon — Constable

[444] 1821 Sept.

The inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being assem-
bled agreeable to the preceeding Warrant & return there-
on, on the first article in the warrant.

1st Voted, & Chose Joseph Downe Jur Moderator

2^d Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered to lay
out ground, and grant liberty from year to year, to the
inhabitants of the Town, to erect Tombs in either of the
burying grounds.

3^d Voted, that the Sureties of Samuel Parker, a delinquent Collector, have a further time of one year from the day on which they become payable, for the payment thereof. . . .

Voted, that the Town will not grant the request of Benjamin Fuller which was to see if the Town would relinquish him, in the same proportion they had Cowdin & Caldwell.

4th Voted, that this article lay over untill an adjournment of this meeting.

5th Voted, that the Town provide ten pair Leather Buckets for the engine Company.

Voted, that a Committee of 3 be Chosen to procure said Buckets.

Voted, & Chose, Jonas Marshall Jur Doct. P Snow & Capt. Z. Sheldon for said Committee.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Nov. 12th next at 3 o'clock P. M.

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Monday Nov. 12. At 3 o'clock P. M. Agreeable to adjournment, the Town being assembled, proceeded to act on the 4th article in the warrant, when it was moved & Seconded that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to provide for the support of Susan Gibson, at the insane Hospital in Charlestown, untill April next. Passed in the affirmative.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Walter Johnson Town Clerk

Warrant for meeting to vote for Register of Deeds

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

Pursuant to a warrant from the Justices of the
 () Court of Sessons for the County of Worcester, you
 () are hereby required in the name of the Common-
 () wealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the free-
 holders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified, by
 law to vote in the choice of Register of Deeds, to assem-

ble and meet at the meetinghouse, in said Town, on Monday, the twelfth day of November next, at two of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose some persons to count and sort the votes which may be given in at the meeting.

2^d For said qualified voters to give in their votes by ballot for some discreet, suitable person, having a freehold within said County of at least the annual income of ten pounds, for a Register of deeds.

Carried forward —

[445] 1821 Nov.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this second day of Oct. AD. 1821

Joseph Downe Jun	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to this warrant I have notified and warned as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, qualified by law to vote in the choice of a Register of Deeds, holden at said Fitchburg in pursuance of the above warrant, on the twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one;—

The said Inhabitants brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester; and the same being sorted & counted, in open Town-meeting, by Joseph Downe Jun, Joseph Simonds and John Willard, who were Chosen for that purpose, it appeared that the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes for each person were as follows; Viz.—

Votes for Register of Deeds
 For Artemas Ward twenty five votes
 Hon. Oliver Fiske eighteen votes
 Samuel Jennison Esqr one vote
 Artemas Simonds one vote

Joseph G. Kendall Esqr one vote

Walter Johnson two votes

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen
John Willard } of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Attest—Walter Johnson Town Clerk.

[446] 1822 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required, in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn
Seal the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs and for the
choice of Town Officers, to meet and assemble at the
meetinghouse in said Town, on monday the fourth day of
March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act
on the following articles—Viz.

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

“ 2—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Affsors, and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

“ 3—To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their highways & Bridges the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

“ 4—To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

“ 5—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their other necessary expences the year ensuing.

“ 6—To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer

“ 7—To see what method the Town will take to support their paupers, the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

“ 8—To see if the Town will allow the Swine to

run at large, under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

“ 9—To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

“ 10—To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen and act any thing thereon. . . .

“ 11—To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

“ 12—To see if the Town will annex Samuel W. Harris with his property to School District No. 12. . . .

“ 13—To see if the Town will choose an agent to carry on a law suit with the Inhabitants of Westminster, respecting the support of Jonah Spaulden, or act any thing thereon.

“ 14—To see if the Town will make any allowance to the afsefsors of the year 1817—on account of their losfes in a lawsuit, with Capt Abel Kindall.—Aso to the afsefsors of 1818, for paying said Kendall Taxes—Also to see if the Town will abate said Kindalls Taxes for the year 1819, or act any thing respecting, any parts of this article they may think proper. . . .

“ 15—To see if the Town will pay Capt. Phillip F. Cowdin a demand has has against the estate of Sylvanus Lapham—or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & Seals this eleventh day of
February AD. 1822 Joseph Downe Jun } Selectmen
 John Willard } of
 Jos. Simonds } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg February 16..1822 Pursuant
to this warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within
directed. Zachariah Shelden Constable of Fitchburg

[447] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
town of Fitchburg afsembled of the 4th day of March, A.
D. 1822 agreeable to notice, the meeting being by reading
the Warrant

Voted and chose Capt Philip F Cowdin Moderator

Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk, M^r Joseph Simonds
Town Treasurer.

Chose M^r Joseph Downe M^r Joseph Simonds, and M^r John Willard Selectmen.

Chose M^r Joseph Downe M^r Joseph Simonds and M^r John Willard Afsefsors.

Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge, Moses Hale, Jonas Marshall Jr. Robert Samson, Jr. Seth Phillips Jr. William Carlton, Samuel Caswill, Jeremiah Lowe Eben^r Thurston Jr Afa Farwell, Joseph Farnsworth, Isaiah Putnam, Nathan Tolman Jacob Stickney Reuben Smith, Elijah Phelps Elijah G. Hutchinson, Highway surveyors.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr	} Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
Joseph F. Hovey	
Jotham Fuller,	

Chose Zachariah Shedon	} Surveyors of Lumber.
John Willard &	
Eph ^m Ofborn	

Chose Joel Page	} Fence Viewers
Levi Pratt &	
Daniel Low	

Chose Jacob Jaquith	} Field drivers
Jacob Upton	
Oliver Fox	
Jonas Marshall Jr &	
Thomas Harris	

Chose Walter Johnson	} Tythingmen
Abel Bruce	
Thomas Sweetser &	
Aaron Eaton	

Chose D^r Jacob Jaquith, Charles Darby, Jacob Tolman, Enoch Bacon Robert Samson Jr Aaron Darby Dan^l Collings Silas Parkhurst, Amos Shelden, Francis Perkins Luther Wood Joseph Mcintire Hogrieves. and were severally sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duty

Chose Apheus Kimball Joseph Farwell, Oliver Fox & Amos Durant Fire Wards

Chose George Wood Pound keeper.

Chose John Phillips, Marshall Hastings, John Whitcomb, Charles Tolman, Warren Chafe Ephraim Ofborn 3^d

Phillips F Cowdin Daniel Tuttle, Ephraim Hartwell Jr., Nathan Andrews, and Amos Durant, Daniel Works, School Committee

Voted to adjourn the meeting one hour.

The town met agreeable to the adjournment

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes previous to the adjournment of the meeting, and then report.

\$1000, Voted to raise \$1000 to repair the Highway and Bridges

Voted to allow twelve cents an hour faithfully worked on the spot.

\$900, Voted to raise \$900 to support the schools the year ensuing.

Voted that the money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted to pass over the 5th article in the Warrant until the adjournment.

Voted to choose a committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer, and report at the adjournment

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr. Oliver Fox & Jos. Downe Jr.

Voted the Overseers of the Poor dispose of them agreeably to their best judgment.

Voted that the 8th article in the Warrant respecting the swine be passed over

Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large.

Voted that Article 10 & 11 in the Warrant be passed over to the adjournment

Voted that Samuel W. Harris with his Farm be annexed to School District N^o 12.

[448] Voted to choose an agent to carry on the Suit commenced against the town of Westminster for the suport of Jonah Spaulding.

Chose Capt. Oliver Fox for said Agent.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw Orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the afsefsors out of the Funds in the Treafury the cost which has arisen in the action Abel Kendall against the afsefsors, and likewise the

Tax for the year 1819 which the Afsefsors have paid Said Kendall.

Article 15 in the Varrant pafsed over

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first monday in April next at three of the clock in P. M.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

April 1. The town met agreeably to adjournment the meeting being opened

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chofen to settle with the town Treafurer. Which is as follows Viz.—

March, 1822

The subscribers a Committee chofen by the town at their annual meeting on the 4 instant, for the purpofe of settling with their Town Treafurer offer the following report Viz.

The Town Treafurer	D ^r	
To cash cash paid him by Capt Benjamin Wheeler for tree which grew on the land, transferred to the Town by Phillip F. Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell sureties for for Samuel Parker		\$4.00
“ cash paid by said Wheeler for said land sold to him at auction		20.81
“ cash paid by John Phillips fo exemption from Military duty		2.00
“ Interest paid by Phillip. F Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell on their note		12.00
“ payment by W ^m Carlton in full of 1818 col- lection		32.78
“ payment by Daniel Flint on 1820 Taxbill . .		657.77
“ payment by William Carlton on 1821 collec- lection		1477. . .
Total		2226.36

Treasurer . . . Cr.

By balance due him on the last Settlement . . .	34.88
“ payment of orders drawn on him by the Se- lectmen	1898.07

" payment of two notes given for cash hiered for the towns use before the last settlement	169.18
" interest on cash hier'd for the use of the in the year past	2.07
" his services as Treafurer the year past . . .	12.00
Total	<u>2116.20</u>

Balance due the town from their Treafurer . . .	110.16
We find due the town from W ^m Carlton on 1819 taxbills	21.98
We find due from Daniel Flint on 1820 collection	9.03
We find due from W ^m Carlton on 1821 Taxbills	327.50
We find in the treafury a note signed and Benja- min Fuller dated May 15 1820 on interest after six month from date princippal	46.70
We also find in the treafury on note signed by Philip F Cowdin and Enoch Caldwell dated June 26 th 1820 on interest from date, one years interest paid—principal	200.00
Total Amount	<u>715.37</u>

We find due the several school districts the sum of	243.83
We find due Joseph Fox Esq ^r & Peter Snow, & P. S. Snow for cash hier'd of them in the year 1820—principal	278.00
	<u>521.83</u>
	193.54

Jonas Marhall Jr } Committe
Joseph Downe }
Joseph Simonds Town Treafurer

[449] \$1000, Voted to raife one Thoufand dollars
for the necfsary expences of of the town the year enfuing.
Voted and chofe Daniel Flint Collector for the year
enfuing.

Voted to accept Elijah McIntire Jr and Elnathan Pol-
ley as Bondsmen for Daniel Flint

Voted to choofe two Conftables.

Voted and chofe Zachariah Sheldon & Daniel Flint
Conftables.

Voted to pass over article 10 in the Warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the collection of the taxes the year ensuing—The collection was put up at auction, Mr Daniel Flint being the lowest bidder was struck off to him to Collect said Taxes for \$1..80 on the \$100, dollars

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 4th 1822 Then Peter Snow took the oath of office required by law as Town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg for the year Ensuing.

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

Worcester fs. April 1st 1822. Then Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds and John Willard severally and solemnly made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the Office of Selectmen of Fitchburg and impartially preside at all elections in which they are by law required to preside for the year ensuing.

Also the said Joseph Downe Jr Joseph Simonds and John Willard, on the same day severally made solemn oath that as Assessors of the said town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, they would proceed equally and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in assessing apportioning all such rates and taxes as they might according to law be directed to assess and apportion during that time. Before me John Shepley, Just. Pacis.

March 4 1822 Joshua Goodridge, Moses Hale, Jonas Marshall Jr Robert Sampson Seth Phillips Jr, Asa Farwell Isaiah Putnam Jacob Stickney appear'd and took the oath necessary to be taken by Highway Surveyors

Joel Page appear'd necessary to be taken by Fence-viewers.—Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

June 29. 1822 Capt Jacob. Jaquith. appeared and to the oath necessary to be taken by field drivers before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

July 6th 1822 Mr Daniel Flint appear'd and took the Oath necessary to be taken by a Collector of Taxes, before me
Peter Snow Town Clerk

[450] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg of
twenty one years of age and upwards, (excepting paupers and persons under guardianship) who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year and within the town six calendar months and who has paid, by himself or his parent, master or Guardian any State or county tax, which have within two years next preceeding been assessed on him in any town or district of this Commonwealth; & also any citizen who is by law exempted from taxation, and who is in all other respects qualified as above mentioned to assemble & meet at the meeting house in said town on monday the first day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor Lt. Governor Counsellors and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this Eleventh day of March AD 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
John Willard } of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed
Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a meeting conformable to the above notification, the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Governor Lt. Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the constitution assembled on Monday being the first day of April, and gave in their votes for Governor Lt. Governor Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Worcester. The whole number given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the

constitution is directed, and were for the following persons

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks 97
Hon William Eustis 106

For Lt. Governor

His Honor William Phillips 98
Hon. Levi Lincoln 106

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Aaron Tufts 98
Salem Town Jr. 98
Nathl Jones 98
Benjamin Adams 98
Stephen P. Garder. 98
Jonas Sibley 106
Edmond Cushing 106
Jonas Estabrook 106
Warren Rawson 106
David Washborn 106

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[451] To Zachariah Sheldon one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn
Seal the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty
one years, (paupers, and persons under guardianship
excepted) having resided within the Commonwealth, one
year, and within this town six calendar months, and hav-
ing paid by themselves, parents, master, or Guardian any
state or county tax within two years next preceeding, to
meet at the Meetinghouse in said town, on monday the
sixth day of may next, at three of the clock in the after-
noon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representa-
tives to represent them at at the General Court, appointed
to be convened and held at the City of Boston on the last
Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April AD. 1822.

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Joseph Simonds	
John Willard	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 6th 1822 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants, as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above Warrant the inhabitants met agreeably to notification the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant, I was moved and seconded not to send a Representative this year, which passed in the affirmative. Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

April 1822 In compliance of a request of Mefs'ers Billings & Bennet the subscribers report the following description of a road laid out thro' land of the said Billings, Bennet and others Viz. Beginning at a turn in the Wall near said Billing's house, thence E. 9. south 20 rods to a stake and stones. Thence E. 27. S. 16½ rods. Thence S 31. E. 24 rods to a stake and stones Thence S. 11 E. 20 to a stake & stones. Thence S. 32 E. 14 rods to a stone bridge. Thence E 36 S. 13½ rods to an ash tree, in the front of said' Bennets house. Thence E. 34 S. 50 rods to a white pine tree Thence S. 38 E. 8 rods to a stake & stones on Joseph Richardson's line. Distance thro' said Billing's and Bennets land 166 rods and no damages. Thence S. 36. E. 16 rods to a stake & stones. Thence E 42 South 18 rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 21½ E. 29 rods to a stake and stones. Thence. Thence S. 9. E. 16 rods to a stake & stones on James Parkhurst's line. Thence S. 3. West 19 rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 40. East 11. rods to a stake & stones. distance thro' said Parkhurst's land 30 rods. Thence E 23 S. 30 rods to a corner of Wall on said Parkhurst's line Thence E 34 S. 20 rods to a stake and stones. Thence S. 3. W. 14 rods to a stake and stones. Thence S. 8 E. 29½ rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 38. E. 22 rods to a stake

and stones. Thence S. 3. West 8 rods to a stake & stones. Thence S. 9 E 13 rods the corner of new Barn. Thence E 27. S. 5 rods to corner of Cow yard. The whole number of rods thro' M^r Richardson's land is 220½ rods, all the bounds on the north and east side of said road. We estimate the damage thro' M^r Richardson's land at \$200.00 which he did not agree to take we estimate the damage thro' M^r Parkhurst land at \$10.00.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen
 Jos. Simonds } of
 John Willard } Fitchburg

True Copy Attest

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[452] To either the constables in the town of Fitchburg Greeting
 Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 Seal warn the freeholder and other inhabitants of said
 town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
 assemble at the Meetinghouse in said town on Monday
 the sixth day of May next at one of the clock in the
 afternoon to act on the following Viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see what method the town will take to repair
 the bridge near M^r Phillips' and act any thing thereon

3rd To see if the town will accept of any roads laid
 out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon

4th To see what sum of Money the town will raise
 to defray the expence of any road which may be accepted,
 at this meeting, and the expence of repairing the aforefaid
 bridge

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
 sixteenth day of April AD 1822.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of
 Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. May 6, 1822 Fitchburg. Pursuant to
 the above Warrant I have notified and warned as within
 directed by posting up a notice fourteen days, at least.—

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above Warrant and notification the town met agreeably. the meeting being opened by reading the warrant

1st Voted and chose Joseph Downe Jr. Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out at public Auction the repairing the bridge near Mr Seth Phillips'

3^{dly} Voted that the 3^d Article in the Warrant be passed over for the present

4^{ly} Voted that the fourth article be passed over

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

The Subscribers having examined the new road from the south part of the Town leading over the Factory Dam hereby certify our acceptance of the making said road.

October 7th 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg.

A true Copy

Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[453] To either of the Constables in the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the male inhabitants of said town qualified by law
to vote in the choice of Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the fourth day of November next, at one O'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester north District in the next Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Seventh day of October AD 1822

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I notified as within directed Zachariah Sheldon Constable

Fitchburg October 18, 1822

Ateft Peter Snow Town Clerk.

The inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled agreeably to notification, the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant, and gave in their votes for a member of Congress in the Worcester north District.

Votes given in were as follows Viz.

For. Hon Jonas Kendall Esq^r Thirty one
 Hon Samul Dana Esq^r Fifty three
 Hon Lewis Bigelow Esq^r Four.

A true copy from the minutes

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal In compliance with a precept from his excellency
 Seal John Brook Esq^r you are hereby required in the
 Seal name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to
 notify and warn the and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General court of this Commonwealth to assemble and meet at the first Parish meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of March next at two of the clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative for the Worcester north District in the next Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands and Seals this tenth day of February AD 1823.

Joseph Down Jr } Selectmen
 Joseph Simonds } of
 John Willard } Fitchburg.

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[454] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of th
 Seal Commonweath of Massachusetts to notify and warn
 Seal the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town
 qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on monday the fourth day of Novmber next at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will accept a list of names of Persons to serve as Jurors at the supreme Court, and circuit of common pleas in this County made out by the Subscribers, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and Seals this seventh day of October AD 1822

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Simonds		
John Willard		

Worcester fs. Purfuant to the within Warrant I have notified as wihin directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the town on the 4th day of November AD 1822. The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors made out by the Selectmen

Attes Peter Snow Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
Seal warn by reading this Warrant, in open town meet-
ing, the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in Said Fitchburg, this day at two O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles—Viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will grant any further term of payment on the notes signed by Samuel Parkers sureties, or act any thing thereon, respecting said notes they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals this 4th day of November AD. 1822

Joseph Downe Jr	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Joseph Simonds		
John Willard		

Purfuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants in the manner therein

directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

The meting being Opened Voted and chofe Joseph Down Jr Moderator

Voted that the notes mentioned in the Warrant be called for, by the first day of January next.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[455] Worcester fs. Fitchburg February 14, 1823. Purfuant to the within Warrant I have, notified as within directed Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

The Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled agreeably to notifiation the meeting being being Opened by reading the Warrant, gave in their votes for a member of Congress in the Worester north District.

Votes given in were as follows Viz.

For. Hon. Jonas Kendall Esq?	. . . . .	64
Hon. Sam ^l Dana Esq?	. . . . .	45
H Lewis Bigelow Esq?	. . . . .	8
Joseph G. Kendall Esq?	. . . . .	2

A true Copy from the minutes,

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[456] To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town
qualified by law to vote in town affairs, and for the
choice of town officers to meet and afsemble at the first
Parish Meetinghoufe in said town on monday the third
day of march at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on
the following articles Viz.

Art. 1. To choofe a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

2. To choofe a town Clerk Treafurer, Selectmen, Afseffors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing refpecting choofing Collectors the town may deem proper.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raife to repair their Highways & and Bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

4 To see what sum of money the town will raife to support their, Schools the year ensuing, or act any thing respecting laying out the money they may think proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raife to defray the other necessary town charges.

6 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treaferer

7 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulation of the law, or act any thing thereon.

9 To see if the town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10 To see if the town will authorize their Treaferer to borrow money for the use of the town or act any thing thereon

11 To see if the town will purchase a fire Engine or act any thing thereon

12 To see what order the town will take respecting certain citations from the court Sefsions, granted on the petitions of Jonas Marshall Jr. and others—and Oliver Fox and others for roads thro' this Town—and act any thing thereon the town may deem proper.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this tenth day of February AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen
Joseph Simonds	
John Willard	
	} of
	} Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Fitchburg February 14, 1823 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

[457] At legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Fitchburg assembled on the Third day of March AD 1823 the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

Voted and chose Capt. Philip F. Cowdin Moderator
Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Chose Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Chose Joseph Downe Jr., Joseph Simond and John Willard Selectmen.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds & John Willard Assessors.

Chose Abijah Goodridge Samuel W. Harris, Jacob Jaquith Jr Abel Bruce Joseph Boynton, Josiah Brown, John Andrews Charles Beckworth Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr. Joseph Downe Jr. William Kilborn Nathan Ordway Ephraim Gibson Joshua Stickney William Bolton Dⁿ Jacob Jaquith, Ephraim Smith Ephraim Ofborn John Willard Highway Surveyors

Chose Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph F. Hovey & Jotham Fuller, Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Chose Zachariah Sheldon John Willard & Eph^m Ofborn Jr Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Joel Page Levi Pratt & Dan^l Low Fence Viewers.

Chose Samuel Sheldon Joshua Goodridge Joshua Pearce Jacob Jaquith Jr. Field Drivers & Pason William

Chose, Joseph Farwell, Afa Farwell Jos. Richardson & Abel Bruce, Tythingmen

Chose Joseph Farnsworth, John Carter Jacob Stickney, Clark Hilton, Afa, Sawyer, Manefseh Sawyer, Joseph Oakman Benjamin Flint Jr David Low Simon Smith Aaron Bolton, Cyrus Thurston Jacob Tolman Afa P. Dwinells Micah Wheeler Benjamin Brown Abraham Bennet, and Heman Wheeler. Hog Reeves.

Chose Alpeus Kimball, Francis Pirkins Joseph Farwell Oliver Fox and Amos Durant Fire Wardes.

Chose George Wood Pound Keeper.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon, Joshua Goodridge, Israel Turner, Abel Downe, John Kinsman Josiah Hartwell Seth Phillips Jr John Badcock, Simeon Gibson Martin Newton and Josiah Brown School Committe, and Capt. Aaron Eaton, in lieu of Afa Farwell, declined.

Voted to choose a Committee to let out the collection of the Taxes

Choose the Selectmen for said Committee.

1000, Voted to raise \$1000 to repair the Highways & bridges the present year, and to allow twelve cents per hour faithfully worked on the spot.

Voted to pass over the 5 Article in the Warrant to the adjournment

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall Jr. Joseph Farwell and Francis Dean.

Voted that the Selectmen dispose of the Poor according to their best judgment.

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the Warrant.

[458] \$1000, Voted to raise \$1000. to support the schools the year ensuing, and the money laid out the same as last, Year.

Voted restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a Committee to inquire into the situation of the Engine

Voted and choose the Selectmen for said Committee, and report at the at the adjournment.

Voted to pass over the 10 Article in the Warrant to the adjournment

1.79 Voted Chose Abel Downe Collector of Taxes, and to give one dollar and seventy nine cents on the Hundred dollars for collecting

Voted to accept William Downe, and Ephraim Ofborn Jr as his bondsmen.

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon and Alpheus Kimball, Constables

1200. Voted to raise Twelve hundred dollars for the necessary expences of the town

100. Voted to raise one Hundred dollars to purchase an Engine

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow mone on behalf of of the town.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer.

* Voted chuse a committee of two to superintend the purchasing the Engine

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon and Jonas Marshall Jr for said Committee.

Voted to close with Oliver Fox's offer i. e. he would build an Engine house and give the land provided the Engine be kept down in the Old City so (called.)

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

This may certify on this fifth day of March, 1823 Peter Snow personally appear'd and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Town Clerk of Fitchburg for the year ensuing
Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis.

Worcester fs April 7, 1822 Then Joseph Downe Jr Joseph Simonds and John Willard severally made solemn oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen of Fitchburg and impartially preside at all elections in which they are by law required to preside for the year ensuing.—Also the said Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Simonds John Willard on the same day severally made solemn oath that as Assessors of the said town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, they would proceed and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in assessing & apportioning all such rates and taxes, as they might according to law, be directed to assess and apportion during that time

Before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. April 8th 1823 Then Alpeus Kimball personally appeared and made solemn Oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Constable of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing
Before me John Shepley Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Peter Snow Town Clerk

[459] Fitchburg April 4th 1823.

The subscribers chosen a Committee to settle to settle with the Town Treafurer offer the following report, Viz.

Treafurer	Dr	
To balance due the town on settlement in March 1822		110.16
“ payment by W ^m Carlton in full of 1819. Tax Bill		21.98
“ payment by Daniel Flint in full of 1820 Tax Bill		9.03
“ payment by W ^m Carlton in full of 1821 Tax Bill		327.50
“ mayment by Daniel Flint on 1822 Tax Bill		1372.64
“ payment for certificates to conditional exempts from military duty the past year		8.00
“ payments by Philip F Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell Sureties for Sam ^l Parker		206.00
“ payment by Thomas Eaton & Benjamin Fuller Sureties for Sam ^l Parker		52.30
“ payment for power sold belonging to the Town		11.62
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		2119.23
The Treafurer	Cr	
By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen		1909.28
“ payment of a note which the town owed to Dr Peter Snow		112.36
“ his services as Treafurer the year past		12.00
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		20,33.64
Balance due the town from their Treafurer		85.59
We find due from Daniel Flint on his collection for the year 1822 including his fees for collecting		566.63
Due from Philip F Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell Sureties for Sam ^l Parker		11.80
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		664.02
We find due Peter & P. S. Snow for cash hired		50.70

We find due the estate of Joseph Fox Esqr for cash	
hired	156.30
Due the several School Districts	321.01
Out standing Town orders	135.21
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	663.22
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	000.80

Jonas Marshall Jr. } Committee
Francis Deane }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer.

June 21. 1823. Mr Abel Downe Appear'd and took
the oath necessary to be taken by a Collector of Taxes
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[460] To either of the Constables of the town of
Fitchburg. Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the Male inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg be-
ing twenty one years of age and, otherwise qualified
as the Constitution of said Commonwealth points out to
meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said town on
monday the Seventh day of April next at three of the
clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Gov-
ernor Leutnant Governor, Senators and Counsellors agree-
able to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg
this tenth day of March AD. 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester ss. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified
the Male inhabitants as Within directed
Zachariah Sheldon Constable

Fitchburg March 17. 1823.

Aa legal meeting of the male inhabitants of the town
of Fitchburg assembled on the seventh day of April being

the first Monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and, Counsellors. The votes given in were for the following persons. Viz.

For Hon. Harison G. Otis for Governor.	107
Hon William Eustis for Governor	111
Hon Daniel Noble for Lieut Governor	110
Hon. Levi Lincoln for Lieut. Governor	111

Senators

Hon Aaron Tufts	110
“ Benjamin Adams	110
“ Stephen P. Gardner	109
“ Nathaniel Jones	109
Nathaniel P. Denny Esq ^r	109
Warren Rawfon	112
James Estabrook	112
Daniel Gilbert	112
Edward D. Bangs	111
Joseph Howe Esquires.	111

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Simonds	
John Willard	

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

[461] To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meeting house in said town on monday the Seventh day of April next at at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will take any measures to asertain whether the Widow Olive Mefenger a pauper of this town has any claims on certain real estate formerly the property of her deceafed husband Thomas Mefenger and act any thing thereon.

3^d To see if the town will authorife some perfon to

pay the fine imposed on said town by the General Court of this Commonwealth, and act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals this tenth day of March AD 1823

Joseph Downe Jr	} Silectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Simonds	
John Willard	

Worcester ss. Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants as within directed
Zachariah Sheldo Constable.

Pursuant to the above warrant and notification, the Inhabitants assembled, the meeting being opened by reading the Warant

Voted and chose Philip F Cowdin Moderator

Voted to chuse a Committe to examine the Situation of the estate of M^r Thomas Mefsender late of Fitchburg to asertain whether his Widow Olive Mefsender has any claims on certain real estate the property of her late husband for her support, and report at some future meeting

Voted and choose M^r Jonas Marshall Jr. for said Committe

Voted that M^r Joseph Simonds the Town Treafurer be authorized to pay the fine imposed on said town by the Ginerall Court of this Commonwealth.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Aprl 21, 1823 Capt. Jaquith appear'd and took the oath, necessary to be taken by a Field driver before me Peter Snow Town Clerk, and likewise the Oath necessary to be taken by a Highway Surveyor

before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Aprl 29 1823 M^r Payson Williams appeared, and took the oath necessary to be taken by a field Driver

before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

May 12, 1823 M^r Joshua Stickney appeared and to the oath necessary to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.

before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 2, 1823 Levi Pratt & Daniel Lowe appeared and
took the oath necessary to be taken by Fence viewers,
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk.

June 1 1823 Samuel Sheldon took the oath necessary
to be taken by Field Drivers
before me Peter Snow T. Clerk

June 9 1823 Will^m Bolton took the Oath necessary
to be taken by a Highway Surveyor,
before me Peter Snow Town Clerk

June 7. 1823 Elijah Mcintire took the oath necessary
to be taken by a Highway Surveyor
before Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[462] To either of the Constables of the town of
Fitchburg, Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the Inhabitants the inhabitants of the town of
Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the choice
of Representatives in the General Court of this Common-
wealth to assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in
said town on monday the fifth day of May next at two
of the clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more
Representatives to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last
Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Fitchburg
this fifteenth day of April AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr. } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within Warrant I have
notified the inhabitants as with directed. Fitchburg April
19. 1823 Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Fitchburg assembled

Purfuant to the above Warrant, the Meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant, Voted and choose Mr Joseph Downe Jr to Repreent them at the General, appointed to be conveaned at at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg
 Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seals Commonwealth of Mafsachufets to notify and warn
 Seals the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to
 vote in town affairs to asemble at the first Parifsh
 Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fifth day of
 May next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following
 Articles Viz.

1 To choose A Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen and act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifteenth day of April AD 1823

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
 Joseph Simonds } of
 John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchbugs, April 19. 1823

Purfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as with directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg asembled Purfuant to the above Warrant, the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant

Voted and choose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

[463] Voted to accept of the road laid thro' Mr David Baldwins land.

Voted to take up Mr Daniels road (so called)

Voted to disnifs that part of the road laid out for Mr Daniels

Voted to Defolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

Fitchburg May 1. 1823. The Subscribers this day laid out a town road discribed a follows Viz. Beginning at a Stake and stones about six rods in front of M^r David Baldwins Dwelling house. Thence southwardly one hundred and twenty two rods to the road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, to range to the west end of the Schoolhouse near M^r William Downe's dwelling house, and with the east side of the road leading to M^r Benjamin Fullers. Said propoed road to be two rods Wide, on the west side of said bounds, all on land of said Baldwin. The land given, and the road to be made free from expence to the town and compleated in eighteen month from this time to the acceptance of the Selectmen

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg

Greeting

In compliance with a preept from his excellency
Seal John Brook Esq^r you are hereby required in the
Seal name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to
notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified
by law to vote in in the choice of Representatives to
afsemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said Fitch-
burg on Monday the twelfth day of May next at four
o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative
for the Worcester North District to the eighteenth Con-
grefs of the United States.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this
twenty sixth day of April AD 1823

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs Fitchburg April 28, 1823 Purfuant to
the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of
said town as within Directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Fitchburg afsembled on Monday the 12 day of May 1823

for the porpose of giving in their votes for a Member to the eighteenth Congress of the United States. Votes given in were for the following Persons Viz.

For Hon. Samuel Dana Ninety two

John Locke Esq^r Ten

Hon. John Shepley Forty five

Joseph G. Kendall Efs Five.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[464] To either of the Constables in the town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn
the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said town
qualified by laws to vote in town affairs to assemble and
meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said town on
monday the firsht day of September at three o'clock P
M. to act on the following Articles Viz.—

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out of the Selectmen or act any thing thereon

3^d To se what order the Town will take on an order of notice from the Court of Sessions respecting a road prayed for by Jonas Marshall Jr, and others and Act any thing thereon.

4 To see if the town will petition the General Court to refund the fine paid by this town for neglecting to send a Representative to the legislature of this Commonwealth in the year 1822 of act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of August AD 1823.

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen
Joseph Simonds } of
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester ff Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants as within directed according to Law
Zachariah Sheldon Constable.

Pursuant to the above Warrant & notification the In-

habitants Assembled, the meeting being Opened by reading the Warrant.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted to pass over the 2^d Article in the Warrant

Voted to choose an agent to appear at the Court of Sessions to oppose the making the new contemplated road thro' Fitchburg and Lunenburg.

Chose Capt Philip F Cowdin for their Agent.

Voted to Petition the General Court to relinquish to the town the fine imposed on them for Neglecting to send a Representative to the General Court in the year 1822.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday next at 4 O'clock P. M.

Peter Snow Town Clerk

[465] Saturday Sept 6 The town met agreeably to adjournment.

The meeting being Opened. Voted to adjourn the meeting for fifteen minutes The time of adjournment being expired, the meeting being opened

Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the twenty second of September instant at three o'clock P. M.

Sept 22 1823 the town met agreeably to adjournment the meeting being being opened

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen of a road last laid out by them.

Down by Genl Burbanks Mill, the New Factory &c.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

A discription of the above mentioned road which the town voted to accept. &c

In compliance with a request from Zachariah Sheldon & others, and Abijah Goodridge & Joshua Goodridge the Subscribers proceeded on the 6th and 19th of September 1823 to lay out a town road or public way, described on the east side of the as follows Viz. Beginning at the line between the towns of Fitchburg and Leominster on the north side of the road now traveled, between said Towns and near the house now occupied by Benjamin Rogers'. Thence north 38° W. 80 rods. Thence N 27° W. 26. rods.

Thence N. 16° W. 170. rods. Thence N. 33. W. 54 rods. Thence N. 37° W 76 rods. Thence N 32° W. 34 to a larg Maple tree in land of Afa Perry. Thence N. 26° W 103. rods. Thence N. 33° W. 20 rods. Thence N 34° West 86 rods to the south West corner of Genl Burbanks house.— Thence crofing the Millyard and by the west end of the Small house now occupied by Ephraim Wetherbee about 20 rods to the traveled County or town road leading to the Meetinghouse.— Whole distance 669 Rods. — Said road to be three rods wide. Laid out thro' lands of Abijah and Joshua Goodridge Jacob Upton, Afa Perry, Oliver Fox, Tyler Daniels & C^o Samuel Hale & Leonard Burbank. Damages to Abijah and Joshua Goodridge, Given Damages to Jacob Upton for all the land cut off from his farm \$25.00 which he did not agree to accept. Damages to Afa Perry, \$350.00 which he did not agree to Accept. Damages to Tyler Daniels and C^o given and road made. Damages to Saml Hale \$275.00 which he did not agree to accept. Damages to Leonard Burbank, given & road made.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Joseph Simonds	
John Willard	

[466] To either the Constables of the town of Fitchburg

Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn
the Freeholders and other inhabitants of Said town
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and af-
semble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said on monday
the thirteenth day of October next at three o'clock P. M.
to act on the following Articles Viz.

Art 1st To chofe a Moderator to govern Said meeting

2^d To fee what method the town will take to make
to make the road & bridge on the rout lately accepted by
the town thro' land of Afa Perry and others, and act any
thing thereon they may deem proper.

3^d To see if the town will give any further intruc-

tions to the Committee chosen last Spring for the purpose of procuring a Water Engine, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals this 26th day of
Sept. AD 1823 Joseph Downe Jr (Selectmen of

Joseph Downe Jr (Selectmen of
Joseph Simonds (Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed. Fitchburg Sept 26, 1823.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg.

Purfuant to the above Warrant & noification the Inhabitants afsembled the meeting being opened by reading the Warrant. Voted and chofe Maj: Nathan Ordway Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to superintend the making the new road lately accepted by the town

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds Joseph Downe Jr. Joseph Richardson, Jonas Marshall Jr. and Francis Dean for said Committee.

Voted the Committe be instructed to let out the making the road and building the bridge to the lowest bidder, and the undertakers to receive their pay in one year from the first day of December next

Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant

Voted to defolve the meeting

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk.

[467] 1824 March Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town,
qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs, to meet &
assemble at the meeting house of the first Parish in said
Town, on monday the first day March next at nine
o clock in the morning to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen,

Afsefsors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law—and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper.

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

4th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing—and act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the damages and expenses, of making the new road & bridge by Mr Daniel's Factory and act any thing thereon.

6th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their other necessary Town charges

7th To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Afsefsors.

8th To see what method the Town will take to support their poor, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

9th To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

10th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

11th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town, and act any thing thereon.

12th To see what order the Town will take on a citation from the Court of Sefsions, granted on the request of Capt Oliver Fox and others for a road

13th To see if the Town will compensate Capt Oliver Fox for damages of a road through his land and act any thing thereon.

[468] 1824 March Meeting

Art 14 To see if the Town will direct their Highway Surveyors to keep the roads open in the winter season and act any thing thereon.

Art 15th To see if the Town will discontinue any road, or act any thing thereon.

16th To see if the Town will annex Mr Tyler Daniels & Co. with their property to the twelfth school District

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of February. AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds } Selectmen of
John Willard } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants as within directed.

February 16. 1824.

Zachariah Sheldon. Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Ihabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, asembled on Monday the first day of March, 1824, the meeting being opened by reading the warrant.

Voted & chose Philip F. Cowdin Moderator.

Chose. Peter. S. Snow Town Clerk

“ Jonas Marshall Junr Town Treasurer

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen	Joseph Simonds	} Assefsors
Zachariah Sheldon		Zachariah Sheldon	
Francis Dean		Francis Dean	
W ^m Kilborn Jr			
Alpheus Boutell			

John Battles	} Highway Surveyors	Abel Thurston
Joseph Battles Jr		John Kinsman
Joseph Farwell		Joseph Gibson
Thomas Eaton		William Carter
Edward Smith		Micah Shattuck
Sewal Gibson		James Mc Intire
Stephen Withington		Amos Wheeler Junr
Levi Farwell		James Harris
Charles Darby		Haman Wheeler
Levi Pratt		

Joseph Downe Jr	} Cullers of Hoops & Staves	Zachariah Sheldon	} Surveyors of Lumber
Joseph F. Hovey		Eph ^m Osborn Junr	
Jotham Fuller		Aaron Eaton	

[469] 1824 March

Chose Abel Bruce, Ebenezer Thurston Seth Phillips Ju:
Abijah Goodridge, William Carlton Josiah Brown
Fence Viewers

“ Josiah Brown, Joel Eaton, Samuel Phelps Thomas
Harris, Samuel Hale, Joseph Battles Field Drivers

“ Eleazer Sawtell, Samuel Houghton, Tything men
Francis Dean, Josiah Sheldon, Peter Carter Hosea
Proctor, Nathan Tolman, Simon Smith John Bat-
tles Jur. Asa Perly, Abel Thurston Benj Sheldon
Jr: Thomas Hale John Brown Hog Reeves
Zachariah Sheldon Joseph Farwell Alpheus Kimball,
Martin Newton Firewards

Joseph F Hovey, Pound Keeper

Capt Enoch Caldwell Jacob Stickney

James Cowdin Abel Farwell

Jeremiah Lowe Asaph Meriam

John Harris Benjamin Wheeler

Isaiah Putnam Daniel Flint Ju:

Joel Eaton William Downe

} School
Committee

Voted that the School Committees be under the direc-
tion of their districts

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to let out
the collection of Taxes, for the year ensuing.

1000, for Highways & Bridges

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to support the
Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

900, for Schools

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of
schools, eighty dollars to be laid out among the small
districts, at the discretion of the Selectmen

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant to
the adjournment

Voted to pass over the 6th article in the warrant

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Treas-
urer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen. & Af-
fessors.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju: Calvin Willard & Joseph
Farwell for said Committee

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Voted that the Support of the Poor be left discretionary with the overseers of the Poor.

Voted to pass over the ninth article in the warrant

Voted that Neat Cattle be restrained from running at large

Voted that the eleventh Article in the warrant be passed to the adjournment

Voted to chuse an agent to oppose the road petitioned for by Oliver Fox and others

Chose Joseph Downe Jun^r the Agent.

Voted to pass over the 13th Article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 14th Article

*Voted to discontinue the road from Benjamin Scotts Barn to the lane near Capt. Amos Wheelers.

Voted to pass the 16 article to the adjournment

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first monday in April next at one o clock. P M.

Attest Peter Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs March 3^d 1824. Then Peter S Snow personally appeared and made oath that he would truly record all votes of the Town of Fitchburg during the year next ensuing, and untill another clerk should be chosen in his stead, and also that he would faithfully discharge all the other duties of Town clerk of said Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True copy. Attest P. S. Snow. Town Clerk

March 4th 1824. Joseph Battles Jun^r took the oath required by law to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.

March 5th 1824. James McIntire took the oath required by law to be taken by a Highway Surveyor.
before me. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 15th 1824. Then Joseph Simonds, Zachariah Sheldon Francis Dean, William Kilborn Jun^r & Alpheus Boutell took the oath by law required to discharge the duties of Selectmen.

Also Joseph Simonds Zachariah Sheldon & Francis

Scott Road. [Annotation on the margin.]

Dean took the Oath required by law to discharge the duties of Afsefsors of the Town of Fitchburg
before me. P. S. SNOW Town Clerk

[471] 1824 April Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.
Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of said Town being
Seal twenty one years of age, and otherwise qualified as
Seal the constitution of said Commonwealth points out,
to meet and afsemble at the first Parish meeting-
house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of April
next at two o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for Gov-
ernor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, and Counsellors agree-
able to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Given
under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fifteenth
day of March AD. 1824.

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Zachariah Sheldon	
Francis Dean	
Alpheus Boutell	
W ^m Kilburn Ju ^r	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg March 19th 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male inhabitants as within directed

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Counsellors, holden on the fifth day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord 1824. for the purpose of Giving in their votes for Governor. Lieut. Governour, Senators & Counsellors of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration, thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons.

For Governor

His Excellency William Eustis	142
Hon. Samuel Lathrop	123

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon Marcus Morton	142
Hon Richard Sullivan	123

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Senators		Senators	
Hon. Edmund Cushing	141	Hon Aaron Tufts	122
Daniel Thurber	142	Hon Stephen P. Gardner	123
Nathaniel Houghton	142	Hon Benjamin Adams	122
Joseph Davis	142	Hon Nathaniel P. Denny	123
John Brown	142	Joseph G. Kendall Esqr	123
Austin Denny	1.	John Shepley Esqr.	1
		Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen
		Zachariah Sheldon	
		Francis Dean	
		William Kilburn Jr	
		Alpheus Boutell	}

Attest . P. S Snow Town Clerk

1824 Adjournment of March Meeting

The meeting by adjournment from March 1st 1824 to April 5 1824 at one o clock, was opened & the riot act &c read.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two hours.

The meeting was opened according to adjournment.

Voted to pass over the fifth article of the warrant to the adjournment of the meeting

\$1200, to defray necessary expences

Voted to raise \$1200, to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town

Voted to pass over the 16th article

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to settle with the late Treasurer

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to let out the collection of Taxes.

Chose Abel Downe Collector for the year ensuing.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon & Alpheus Kimball Constables.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the annual meeting in May at four o'clock P. M. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

April 5th 1824. Stephen Withington & Joseph Gibson took the oath required by law to qualify them for Highway Surveyors before me P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[473] 1824 Treasury Report

Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer.

The subscribers, a Committee duly chosen by the Town at their annual meeting on the first day of March instant for the purpose of settling with their late Treasurer, report as follows

The Treasurer	D ^r	
To a ballance due from him to the Town at the last settlement		\$85.59
Payments by Daniel Flint on 1822 Tax bill . .		450.53
Payments by Conditional exempts from military duty		8.00
Payments by Abel Downe on 1823. Tax bill . .		1825.35
Cash received of the Selectmen being the same allowed by the General Court for the support of Charles Connor a State pauper . .		39.60
Cash received from the Town of Groton for supporting the family of Charles Farnsworth		14.84
Cash received of John Shepley Esqr on an execution against the Town of Sandwich for supporting the family of James Worcester . .		77.04
Cash received of the Inhabitants of Sandwich for supporting said family		99.67
Cash received of the Inhabitants of Leominster for supporting Solon Tainter		4.06
Cash received by Philip F. Cowdin & Enoch Caldwell sureties for Sam ^l Parker		12.50

Cash hired the year past, \$581.52 of which for road damages	971.52
	<u>\$3588.70</u>

The Treasurer Cr.

By payment of orders drawn by the Selectmen	3086.69
Paying a Town note to Oliver Fox, Executor	162.27
Paying a Town note to, Peter & P S. Snow .	52.89
Paying an execution in favour of the Town of Westminster	30.92
Paying interest on cash hired the year past . .	2.54
His services as Treasurer the year past . . .	12.00
	<u>3347.31</u>

Ballance in cash paid Jonas Marshall Jun ^r the present Treasurer	241.39
	<u>\$3588.70</u>

We find due from Mr Daniel Flint on his Tax bills for the year 1822 subject to a deduc- tion of his fees for collecting	116.10
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We find due from Mr Abel Downe on his tax bills for the year 1823 subject to a deduc- tion of his fees for collecting	545.39
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Ballance as above in the hands of the present Treasurer	<u>241.39</u>
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Amount now due to the Town	902.88
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We find due from the Town to individuals the sums
following being debts incurred the past year to wit

To Mr Levi Farwell	100.00
carried over	<u>100.00</u>

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Amount due from the Town bro ^t over	\$100.00
To Mr Jonathan Lowe	50.00
Mr Moses Hale	150.00
Joseph Downe Jun ^r Esqr.	90.00
Mr Asa Perry	306.52
Mr Samuel Hale	275.00
To the School Districts	<u>294.95</u>

Outstanding Town Orders	9.63
Due to the Selectmen for services the past year	63.01
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Amounting in the whole to	1339.11
From which the said sum of \$902.88 being de-	902.88
ducted, leaves a ballance against the Town of	<hr/> \$436.23

All which is respectfully submitted

By	Calvin Willard	} Committee
	Jonas Marshall Jur	
	Joseph Simonds Treasurer	
A True Copy.	P S. Snow. Town Clerk	

Collection of Taxes

The Subscribers being chosen a committee to let out the collection of State, County & Town Taxes for the present year report as follows Viz.

The Collection of the aforesaid Taxes let out to Abel Downe at one dollar and sixty nine cents on the hundred dollars, by his giving bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty as Collector, to the satisfaction of the Town.

March 1 st 1824	Joseph Simonds	} Committee
	Zachariah Sheldon	
	Willam Kilburn Jur	
	Alpheus Boutell	
A True Copy	Attest	P S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. May 3 1824 Then Alpheus Kimball personally appeared and took the oath required by law as Constable of the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, and untill another should be chosen in his place

	Before me John Shepley. Jus Pacis
A True Copy	Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[475] May Meeting

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the

choice of Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third day of May next at two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands at said Fitchburg this twelfth day of April AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
William Kilburn Jur	
Francis Dean	
Alpheus Boutell	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 19. 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

Adjournment March Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the third day of May AD 1824 for the purpose of choosing a representative or representatives to represent them at the General Court &c. The meeting being opened, chose Peter Snow Town Clerk pro. tempore, who was sworn.

Voted & chose Calvin Willard Esqr for their Representative
Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tempore
Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 1st to April 5th & from April 5 to May 3^d 1824 at 4 o'clock P M. was opened.

Voted and chose Samuel Houghton Field driver

Voted to take up the twelfth article in the warrant.

Voted to choose a committee of five in addition to the Selectmen to consult on the new road, and act as they think proper.

Chose for said committee Joseph Richardson Jonas Marshall Jur

[476] Adjournment March Meet^s

Oliver Fox, Levi Farwell & Jacob Jaquith.

\$1800, Voted to raise \$1800.. to defray the expenses of the new road

Voted to take up the 13th article

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to appraise the damages to Capt. Oliver Fox.

Voted to disolve the meeting

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro tempore

Attest P S. Snow. Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on monday the thirtieth day of August Instant at two of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will give their committee, chosen to let out the making of a new bridge, and road by Mr Daniels' Factory, any further instructions, and act any thing respecting said bridge and road which they may deem proper

3 To see if the Town will take any further measures to oppose the acceptance of a County road lately laid out in compliance with the petition of Capt Oliver Fox & others, and act any thing thereon

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this 12th day of August AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Alpheus Boutell	
William Kilburn Jun ^r	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg August 16. 1824 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon. Constable

[477] 1824 Aug 30th

Pursuant to the preceeding warrant and return thereon the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein named

The meeting being opened. Voted and Chose Joseph Simonds Moderator

Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for the present

Voted to choose two Agents with discretionary powers in addition to the one already chosen, to oppose the acceptance of the County road lately laid out in compliance with the request of Oliver Fox and others; and if the road should be accepted the agents shall have full power to use such measures to procure the discontinuance of said road as they may think expedient.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r & Joseph Simonds Agents

Voted to take up the second article in the warrant.

Voted on the second article; that the Committee therein mentioned be directed to proceed and finish the road therein described.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

Report of Committee to assess damages to Capt Fox

Pursuant to a vote of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg passed on the third day of May last, at an adjourned meeting of the annual March meeting, by which the subscribers were chosen as a committee to assess damages to Capt Oliver Fox for a road laid out by the Selectmen & accepted by the Town through his lands about one year since, we have attended to the business and estimated the damages of said road through lands of said Fox near Mr Daniels' Factory at the sum of fifty dollars

Oct: 8th 1824

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen
Alpheus Boutell	
Zachariah Sheldon	
} of Fitchburg	

A True Copy Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[478] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Friday the eighth day of October next at two o'clock P M to act on the following Articles Viz

Art 1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see what the Town will do respecting a petition and order of notice from the proprietors of the fifth Massachusetts Turnpike corporation, and act any thing thereon

3^d To see if the Town will discontinue or alter a town road laid out and accepted by the Town about a year ago through the mill yard of Capt Oliver Fox, and act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands at Fitchburg, this twenty second day of September AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Alpheus Boutell	

Agreable to this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place within mentioned by putting up a warrant at each of the meetinghouses in said Town

Sept 25 1824

Alpheus Kimball Constable

1824 Oct. 8th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg holden this day, Voted and chose Jos. Simonds Clerk pro. tem.

Voted and chose Jos. Richardson Moderator.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted under the article to discontinue the road laid out by the selectmen in Sept. last, through the mill yard of Capt Oliver Fox in Sept. 1823

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Record Attest Joseph Simonds Clerk pro tem

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[479] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first day of November next, at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see what order the Town will take on a petition and order of notice respecting a county road being located from the Potash works of Capt Oliver Fox, to the line of the Town of Leominster, and act any thing thereon.

3^d To see what course the Town will take in consequence of two several orders of Notice from the Court of Sessions granted on petitions of Capt Oliver Fox, and Jacob Upton, praying for a Jury to estimate damages of a town road laid out through their lands in Sept. 1823 and to act any thing concerning said notices and damages which the Town may deem proper.

4th To see if the Town will authorize any person or persons to call on Jacob Upton for damages for not making one hundred and twenty nine rods of road according to agreement. and act any thing thereon

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this eleventh day of October AD. 1824

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
William Kilburn Jun ^r	
Alpheus Boutell	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Oct 16. 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon, Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the preceeding warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish meetinghouse on Monday Nov. 1st 1824.

Chose Phillip. F Cowdin Moderator

Voted on the Second article in the warrant to choose an agent to oppose the petition of Bezaleel Lawrence and

others for a road leading from the bridge near the Potash of Oliver Fox [480] to the bounds of the Town of Leominster near the house of Benjamin Rodgers.

Voted to choose but one agent

Voted to choose by hand vote

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r Agent

Voted on the 3^d Article to choose a committee to confer with Capt Oliver Fox respecting the damages he has sustained by reason of the road's passing through his land.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Chose	{	Joseph Simonds, Voted to excuse Mr Simonds from serving on the committee
Committee		Joseph Down Ju ^r Esqr
		John Whitcomb. Voted to excuse Mr Whitcomb.
		Joseph Richardson
	{	Jonas Marshall Ju ^r

Voted to choose a committee of three, to confer with Mr Jacob Upton respecting the damages he has sustained in consequence of the road's passing through his lands.

Chose Capt Joseph Farwell	{	Committee.
William Downe		
Abel Downe		

Voted to discharge the committees, which were chosen to confer with Capt Oliver Fox & Mr Jacob Upton.

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle all matters in dispute between Capt Oliver Fox and the Town and between Mr Jacob Upton and the Town.

Voted to choose by nomination

Chose	{	Committee
Joseph Richardson		
Jonas Marshall Ju ^r		
	{	Capt Zachariah Sheldon

Voted on the 3^d Article that the business be referred to the last chosen Committee

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P. S. SNOW Town Clerk.

[481] To either of the Constables in the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freehold-

ers and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the general court of this Commonwealth to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of Nov^r next at two o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, qualified according to the constitution thereof; whose names shall be borne on one tickett, either written or printed, and such tickett shall contain the name of at least one inhabitant of each of the several districts, into which the Commonwealth is at present divided for the choice of Representatives in Congress, and against the name of each person on such tickett, the district in which he resides shall be designated.

Also at the same time and place to give in their votes for a representative to the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this eleventh day of October AD. 1824.

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
William Kilburn Jur ^r	
Alpheus Boutell	

Worcester ss. Fitchburg October 16, 1824 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as within directed.

Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in the choice of Representatives in the general Court of this Commonwealth holden on the first day of November AD 1824 for the purpose of giving in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. Also [482] for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District. Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed

Electors of President & Vice President.

Electors at large	{ Hon William Gray	98 votes
	{ Hon Levi Lincoln	98
	{ Hon William Baylies	7
	{ Hon William Reed	7
Suffolk District	{ Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	98
	{ Hon Samuel Hubbard	7
Essex South	{ Hon Nathaniel Silsbee	98
	{ William Sutton Esqr	7
Essex North	{ Doct Joseph Kittredge	98
	{ David How Esqr	7
Norfolk.	{ Hon John Endicott	98
	{ Hon Benjamin Reynolds	7
Plymouth	{ Hon Thomas Weston	98
	{ Benjamin Hobart Esqr	7
Worcester North	{ Col. Edmund Cushing	98
	{ Hon Solomon Strong	7
Worcester South	{ Gen Jonathan Davis	98
	{ Dr Daniel Thurber	7
Bristol	{ Cornelius Grinnell Esqr	98
	{ Hon John M Williams	7
Middlesex	{ Augustus Tower Esqr	98
	{ Hon Edmund Foster	7
Barnstable	{ Hezekiah Barnard	98
	{ Nymphes Marston Esqr	7
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Berkshire	{ Hon William Walker	105
Franklin	{ Oliver Smith Esqr	98
	{ Gen Samuel Porter	7
Hampden	{ Enos Foot Esqr	98
	{ Dr Timothy Horton	7

For Representative to Congress.

Hon Joseph G. Kendall	48 votes
Hon Samuel Dana	27
Gen. Ivers Jewett	2

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Francis Dean	
William Kilburn Ju ^r	
Alpheus Boutell.	

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Perambulating Town Lines

Nov. 22. 1824 We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg, met at the northeast corner of said Fitchburg and erected a stake and marked it with the letter L. on Lunenburg side and F on Fitchburg side, and thence southerly to the road near Jon^a Thurstons to a stake and stones the stake marked with the letter L. for Lunenburg & F. for Fitchburg also D. K. J. M. & W K. Z. S. thence southerly to the road near Samuel Hiltons and erected a stake and marked it as above, thence southerly to a stake and stones about 8 rods south of the road leading from Lunenburg to Fitchburg on land of the late Dr. Peter Snow and marked as above, thence southeast to a white oak tree which is Fitchburg southeast corner, marked as before mentioned

David Kilburn	} Selectmen of
Jacob Marshall Jr	
Zachariah Sheldon	} Selectmen of
William Kilburn Jr	
	Fitchburg

[484] Perambulating Town Lines

Fitchburg Nov. 25th 1824 We the Subscribers Selectmen of Ashby and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the line between said Towns and have renewed bounds as the law directs.

Rober W Burr	} Selectmen of
Stephen Wyman	
Zachariah Sheldon	} Selectmen of
Francis Deane	
	Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov 26. 1824. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Robert Taylor agent for the Selectmen of Leominster have this day perambulated the line between said Towns and have renewed bounds as the law directs.

Alpheus Boutell	} Selectmen of
Zachariah Sheldon	
	Fitchburg

Rober Taylor Agent for Selectmen of Leominster

Fitchburg Nov 27. 1824. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Westminster and Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg and Philip F Cowdin authorized by the Selectmen of Fitchburg have this day perambulated

the line between said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeably to law.

Zebina Spaulding } Selectmen of
Smyrna Whitney } Westminster

Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

P. F. Cowdin Agent

Fitchburg Nov. 27. 1824. We the Subscribers Selectmen of Ashburnham and Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg, and Philip F. Cowdin authorized by the Selectmen of Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeably to law.

John Adams Junr Selectman of Ashburnham

Alpheus Boutell one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

P. F. Cowdin Agent

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[485] 1825 March Meeting Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles Viz

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors the Town may deem proper

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing or act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges

6. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors.

7 To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing.

9 To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the Town will take any measures to oppose a road laid out by request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others or act any thing thereon.

12 To see if the Town will direct their Highway Surveyors to keep the roads open during the winter season or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the inhabitants of the Town will vote to request the Court of Sessions to cause a map of the County of [486] County of Worcester from actual Surveys to be made at the expense of said County on which the County and Turnpike roads shall be accurately marked together with such other things as said Court shall think necessary.

14 To see what method the Town will take to notify their Town Meetings in future and act any thing thereon.

15 To see if the Town will raise any further sum or sums of money for defraying the expenses of completing a new engine or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of February AD. 1825

Joseph Simonds	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Francis Dean	
William Kilburn Jur	
Alpheus Boutell	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to the warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed to

meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Zachariah Sheldon. Constable of Fitchburg

Fitchburg Feb. 19. 1825

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March AD. 1825. The meeting being opened

Art 1st Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

2 Chose Peter S. Snow Town Clerk. Joseph. Simonds Town Treasurer

Joseph Downe Ju ^r	} Selectmen	Joseph Downe Ju ^r	} Assessors
John Willard		John Willard	
Isaiah Putnam		Isaiah Putnam	

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour Met according to adjournment.

[487] Chose

A Perry Cowdin ^x	William Kilburn 3 ^d	} Highway Surveyors
Amos Pearce ^x	Stephen Lowe	
David Boutell ^x	Elnathan Gibson ^x	
Joshua Phillips ^x	Amos Sheldon 3 ^d	
Payson Williams ^x	Benjamin Sheldon Ju ^r	
Asa Holt	Daniel Lowe	
Noah Andrews	Ebenezer Hutchinson ^x	
Benjamin Brown	John Harris	
Lewis Wheeler ^x	Elijah McIntire Ju ^r ^x	

Nathan Ordway	} Cullers of	Thomas Livermore	} Surveyors of Lumber	
Joseph Downe Ju ^r		Hoops &		John Harris
Joseph F Hovey		Staves		Josiah Sheldon

John Carter	} Fence Viewers
John Harris	
William Carleton	

Paul Wetherbee	Asaph Meriam	} Field Drivers
William Carlton	Samuel Phelps	
Levi Whitney	Jacob Upton	
Seth Phillips	Samuel Hale	
Ebenezer Thurston	David Lowe	
John Eaton	Francis Deane ^{sworn}	

Capt Thomas Thurston	David D McIntire	} Hog Reeves
Calvin Wood	Nathan Hartwell	
John Smith	Benjamin Whitney	
Warren Parkhurst	Asa Holt	
William Kilburn 3 ^d	William Stratton	
Amos Sheldon 3 ^d	James Harris	
David Whittemore	John Sawyer	
	Jerrus Skinner	
Joseph Battles	Asa Kinsman	} Tythingmen
William Wilder	Calvin Wood	
Alpheus Kimball	Amos Durant	} Firewards
Oliver Fox	Joseph Farwell	
Joseph F. Hovey Pound keeper		
[488] March Meeting continued		
Chose Jonas A Marshall	Micah Shattuck	} School Committee
Tyler Daniels	Amos Lawrence Jr	
Jonah Rice	Leonard Burbank	
Levi Whitney	Elijah McIntire Jr	
Nathan Ordway	Timothy F Downe	
Asa Sawyer		
Payson Williams		

Art 3^d Voted to raise one thousand dollars to support the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing and to allow twelve cent pr. hour for work done upon the highways.

4 Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to support the Schools the year ensuing and that one hundred dollars shall be divided among the small school districts at the discretion of the Selectmen.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment

6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors.

Chose Joseph Upton Calvin Willard Joseph Simonds for the Committee

7 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to let out the support of the Town Paupers to one person, they being under their inspection and direction

8 Voted to pass over the eighth article

9 Voted to restrain neat cattle from running at large

10 Voted to pass over the tenth article to the adjournment

11 Voted to choose a Committee to oppose the acceptance of the road laid out by request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others

Voted to choose a committee of three to attend to that service free from any expense to the Town.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r Joseph Downe Ju^r & Payson Williams

12 Voted to pass over the twelfth article

13 Voted to pass over the thirteenth article

14 Voted that the Constables be directed to warn all Town meetings by putting up a notice at both meeting houses

Voted that Town meetings may be called in future by giving eight days notice

15 Voted to pass over the fifteenth article to the adjournment

[489] On the second article Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out the collection of taxes, and that they attend to that service this evening

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at three o'clock, P M.

Attest Peter S. Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 7th 1825. Then Peter S. Snow personally appeared and made oath, truly to record all votes passed at the meeting at which he was chosen Town Clerk in the Town of Fitchburg and at all other Town meetings during the year and untill another Town Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead and also faithfully to discharge all the duties of Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg

Before me John Shepley Jus. Pacis

A True Copy Attest P S. Snow. Town Clerk.

Conditions of letting out the Taxes the ensuing year To be let out to the lowest bidder on hundred dollars by his giving good security to the acceptance of the Town

Fitchburg March 7 1825

Bid off to Abel Downe at \$1..39 on the hundred dollars

Joseph Downe Jun ^r	}	Committee
John Willard		
Isaiah Putnam		

A True Copy Attest Peter S. Snow Town Clerk.

March 7. 1825. Then A Perry Cowdin Amos Pearce Joshua Phillips Elnathan Gibson Ebenezer Hutchinson & Elijah McIntire Jun^r appeared and took the oath by law required to be taken by Highway Surveyors

Then Jos F Hovey & Josiah Sheldon took the oath by law required to be taken by Cullers of Hoops and staves.

Then John Carter and William Carleton took the oath by law required to be taken by Fence Viewers

Then W^m Carlton, Levi Whitney Eben^r Thurston Asaph Meriam Jacob Upton Sam Hale & Francis Dean took the oath required by law to be taken by Field drivers

Then Jerrus Skinner took the oath of a Hog Reeve

Then Joseph F Hovey took the oath of a Pound keeper & Culler of Hoops & Staves

before me P S. Snow Town Clerk.

March. 12. Then David Boutell Payson Williams. & Lewis Wheeler. took the oath required to be taken by Highway Surveyors

before me P S Snow Town Clerk.

[490] March 28th 1825 Then Benjamin Sheldon personally appeared and took the oath by law required to be taken by a Highway Surveyor

Before me P S. Snow Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

Worcester ss. March 15th 1825

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
 Greeting

seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 seal Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn
 seal the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor. Lieut.

Governor. Senators and Counsellors to meet at the first Parish Meetinghouse on Monday the fourth day of April next at two o clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fifteenth day of March AD. 1825

Joseph Downe Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Isaiah Putnam	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg March 21, 1825

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the within named Inhabitants as within directed
Zachariah Sheldon Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the preceeding Warrant. The whole number of votes given in were sorted [491] counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons

For Governor

Hon Levi Lincoln 111

For Lieut Governor

His Honor Marus Morton 114

Senators

Hon Joseph G. Kendall 115

Bezaleel Taft Esqr 115

Nathan^l Houghton Esqr 115

W^m Crawford. Esqr 115

Joseph Davis Esqr 113

Nathan^l P Denny Esqr 1

Jos Downe Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Isaiah Putnam	

Attest. P S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 7th to April 4, 1825 was opened

Chose Samuel Houghton Collector

Chose Samuel Houghton & John Sawyer Constables

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Art 5th Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town

10th Voted to pass over the tenth Article

15th Voted to raise fifty dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses of completing the new Engine.

Voted to raise twenty five dollars in addition to the fifty dollars already voted for the purpose of paying the expenses of completing the Engine.

Voted to choose another Highway Surveyor in addition to the one already chosen for Centre District.

Chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r

Voted to take up the 7th Article

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to let out the support of the Town Paupers, who have not already been disposed of, and all that may become Town Paupers during the present, to the lowest bidder at a certain sum per week for each person

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[492] Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer

The Subscribers a Committee duly chosen by the Town at their annual meeting in March last past, for the purpose of making a settlement with their Treasurer Jonas Marshall Ju^r report as follows to wit.

The Town Treasurer Dr	
For Cash paid over to him by Joseph Simonds	
Treasurer for 1823	241.39
“ Recv ^d of Daniel Flint Collector for 1822 in completion of his Collection for said year	116.10
“ Recv ^d of Abel Downe Collector for 1823 in completion of his Collection for said year	545.39
“ Recv ^d of sundry persons for conditional Exemption from Military Duty	10.00

“ Recv ^d of the Selectmen that they recv ^d of the Towns of Sudbury and Lancaster and the State and of Leonard Burbank	108.44
“ Recv ^d of Abel Downe Collector for 1824 in part of his Collections for said year	3026.20
“ Interest recv ^d of Sundry persons on the Towns money	6.03
	<u>\$4053.55</u>
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By payment of Orders drawn by the Selectmen . .	3180.42
“ paying notedue from the Town to Levi Farwell . .	106. .
By “ “ “ “ “ “ Sam ^l Hale . .	296.94
By “ “ “ “ “ “ Joseph Downe Esqr	99.07
By paying six dollars of Asa Perry's Note towards the principal and the interest	29.81
By paying note to Asa Perry	304.75
By my services as Treasurer for the year 1824 . .	12.
By paying the interest on Moses Hales note & Jon ^a Lowes	12.
	<u>4040.99</u>
Ballance in cash paid to Joseph Simonds the pres- ent Treasurer	12.56
	<u>4053.55</u>
The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale	157.50
Jonathan Lowe	52.50
To the School Districts	256.54
Outstanding Town Orders	13.33
Due to the Selectmen for their Services the past year	88.38
Amounting in the whole to	<u>\$568.25</u>
We find due from Abel Downe on his tax bills for the year 1824. subject to a deduction of his commifsions for collecting	881.88
From which deduct	<u>568.25</u>
Leaves a ballance of	\$313.63
in favour of the Town	

All which is respectfully Submitted by

Calvin Willard	}	Committee
Joseph Upton		
Joseph Simonds		
Jonas Marshall		Treasurer

A True Copy

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

[493] April 14. 1825 Then Sam^l Houghton took the oath required by law to be taken by a Collector of taxes before me
P S. Snow Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal Your are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal all the male inhabitants of said Town qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the first Parish meeting house on Monday the second day of May next at two o clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this fourteenth day of April 1825

Joseph Downe Jun ^r	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Isaiah Putnam		

Worcester fs. April 15th 1825 I hereby certify that in obedience to the within. I have this day notified the Inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg qualified as within expresse, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up notifications thereof at both the meetinghouses in the centre of said Fitchburg.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place

The meeting being opened voted

Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Voted to make the road as laid out by the Courts Committee from the County road by Mr David Boutells to the bridge near Gen. Leonard Burbanks Paper mill

Voted to choose a committe to let out the making [195] of the abovementioned road, provided it can be made with safety to the Town; said road to be completed by the first of July next

Chose Phillip F. Cowdin }
 Oliver Fox } Committee
 Jonas Marshall Jur }

Voted to pafs over the third article

Voted to pafs over the fourth article

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
 Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of Com-
 Seal monwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the
 Seal male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the
 Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Friday the thirteenth day of May instant at three oclock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of May AD 1825

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen of
 Isaiah Putnam } Fitchburg

Worcester Is May 5th 1825 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose therein mentioned, by posting up notifications thereof at the First and Second Parish Meetinghouses in said Town.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed. The meeting being opened

Voted to send one representative

Chose the Hon John Shepley to represent them at the General Court.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The Hon John Shepley had	64	votes for Representative
Joseph Downe Ju ^r Esqr	19	
Jonas Marshall Ju ^r	2	
Capt Oliver Fox	1	
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Whole number of votes 86

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

[496] 1825 June

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
Seal monwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
Seal the frecholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet
and assemble at the first Parish meetinhouse on Thursday
the ninth day of June instant at four o clock in the
afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will choose a committee to cooperate with the general committee chosen at Leominster at a meeting held on on Tuesday the 31st day of May last for the purpose of viewing a route for a canal from Bolton to Athol.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this first day of June AD. 1825

Fitchburg June 1st 1825

Joseph Downe Ju^r } Selectmen
Isaiah Putnam } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg June 2^d 1825 In compliance with the above warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the First Parish Meeting-house, as above directed by posting up attested copies of the above warrant at each of the Congregational Meeting-houses in said Town Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, the meeting being opened.

Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee, to cooperate with the General Committee, chosen at Leominster on the 31st of May last, for the purpose of viewing a route for a canal from Bolton to Athol.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to select and make a list of persons suitable to compose said Committee.

Chose Doct Abel Fox

Joseph Simonds

Ephraim Kimball

[497] Said Committee of three, reported the following list

Joseph Downe Ju^r

Jonas A. Marshall

Phillip F Cowdin

Isaiah Putnam

Alpheus Kimball

Abiel L. Towne

Oliver Fox

Voted to accept the above report

Voted to add three persons to the above Committee

Chose Ephraim Kimball

Abel Downe

Abel Fox

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P S. Snow T. Clerk

Worcester fs.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
 Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 Seal warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
 meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse in
 said Town on monday the fifth day of September next at
 four o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will accept of the list of names
 made out by the subscribers to serve as Jurors.

3^d To see if the town will discontinue any town road
 or act any thing thereon.

4 To see if the town will petition the Court of Ses-
 sions to discontinue any County road or act any thing
 thereon.

5 To see if the town will accept of any road laid out
 by the selectmen or their order or act any thing thereon.

6 To see if the town will petition the Court of Ses-
 sions to lay out any road from Fitchburg meeting house
 to the County road at Ashburnham line or act any thing
 thereon. Given under our hands and seals this twenty
 second day of August AD. 1825

Joseph Downe	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Isaiah Putnam	
	} of
	} Fitchburg

Worcester fs. August 23, 1825 Pursuant to the with-
 in warrant

[498] 1825 Sept.

I have notified and warned the freeholders and other
 inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified as therein
 expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the
 purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of
 the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place
 and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being
 opened

1 Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

2 Voted to accept the list of names made out by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors

3 Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

4 Voted to petition the Court of Sessions to discontinue the County road leading from Jacob Uptons to the road, where Jonathan Cummings formerly lived. Also the road leading from the bridge to the house formerly occupied by the Widow Grace Wood.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant

6 Voted to choose a committee to petition the court of Sessions for a Jury to obtain a redress of grievances on account of a road laid out from Jacob Uptons to Lecomister line.

Chose Jonas Marshall Jur. Committee

Voted that he be directed to petition for a Jury or a Committee as he shall think it most conducive to the interests of the Town

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow T. Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish

[499] 1825 Nov.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meeting house on thursday the seventeenth day of November instant at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see what order the Town will take respecting an order of notice from the Court of Sessions on the petition of Amos Sheldon 2^d and others for a County road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line

3^d To see what the Town will do respecting an order of notice from the Court of Sessions on the discontinuance of the road from Jacob Uptons' to the road leading from

Fitchburg to Lunenburg, Also the road from the Bridge to the house of the Widow Wood.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg the seventh day of November, 1825

Joseph Downe Junr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Isaiah Putnam	

Worcester fs. November 8th 1825. In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being opened

1 Chose Capt Philip F Cowdin Moderator.

[500] 2^d Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant

3 Voted to pass over the third article

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. . To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of of Massachusetts to notify and
warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish meetinghouse on Monday the nineteenth day of December instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see what measures the town will take to oppose the laying out and establishing a road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line or act any thing thereon respecting said road as they may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this seventh day of December AD. 1825

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen of
John Willard } Fitchburg

Worcester fs December 8 1825. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the within named Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Samuel Houghton Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 19th of December 1825. The meeting being opened

Chose Capt Oliver Fox Moderator

Voted to choose an agent to oppose the laying out and establishing the road from Oliver Foxes Potash to Ashburnham line. Chose Payson Williams Esqr. Agent

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Peter S. Snow T. Clerk

[501] Worcester fs. To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
Seal warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to the General Court, to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse, on Saturday the twenty-first day of January instant at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court now in session at Boston.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of January AD. 1826.

Joseph Downe Jur } Selectmen
Isaiah Putnam } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Jan. 14th 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said

Town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Saturday the 21st of January 1826

The meeting being opened

Voted to choose a representative to supply the vacant seat of John Shepley Esqr

The whole number of votes given in were 131

Joseph Downe Jur Esqr had 74 votes and was chosen

Capt Oliver Fox had 41 do

Mr Francis Perkins had 14 do

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[502] 1826 March Meeting

To Samuel Houghton Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles, Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town officers agreeably to law and act any thing respecting choosing Collectors, the Town may deem proper.

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing, or

act any thing respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

5th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

6th To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Afsefsors.

7th To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon.

8 To see if the Town will suffer the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the year ensuing.

9 To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

10 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town, or act any thing thereon.

11. To see if the Town will take any measures respecting a citation served on them from the court of Sefsions respecting a road laid out by the request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

12 To see what method the Town will take to notify their Town meetings in future and act any thing thereon.

[503] 13 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

14 To bring in their votes for Register of deeds for the County of Worcester for five years next after the term of the present Register expires.

15 To see whether the Town will accept of proposals made by Abijah Allen & Samuel Parker in relation to removing Mr Phinehas Allen and wife, who are chargeable to the Town, and pafs all votes relative thereto.

16 To see if the Town will appoint the Town Treasurer to be collector of taxes for the year ensuing according to the provisions of law, and pafs all votes relative thereto.

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this sixteenth day
day of February AD. 1826

John Willard } Selectmen
Isaiah Putnam } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. February 18th 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in all town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Samuel Houghton, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time & place and for the purposes therein expressed. The meeting being opened.

Chose Philip F Cowdin Moderator
P. S. Snow, Town Clerk
Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Chose Joseph Downe Jur ^r	}	Seletmen
Zachariah Sheldon		
Payson Williams		
David Boutell		
Francis Perkins	}	Assessors
Joseph Downe Jur ^r		
Zachariah Sheldon		
Payson Williams		

[504]

Chose James Cowdin	Silas Lawrence	}	Highway Surveyors
Joseph Battles	Samuel Hawes		
Oliver Fox	Warren Chase		
Philip F. Cowdin	John Carter		
Calvin Wood	Asa Kinsman		
Josiah Brown	Perly McIntire		
Amos Lawrence Jur ^r	Amos Wheeler Jur ^r		
Elijah Brown	Abraham Osborn		
Ebenezer Thurston	Daniel Works		
Warren Parkhurst	Mannasseh Sawyer		

Joseph F Hovey } Cullers of
Nathan Ordway } Hoops & Staves

Abijah Hartwell	}	Surveyors of Lumber
Ephraim Osborn Jur ^r		
Josiah Sheldon Jur ^r		

Ebenezer Thurston	Fence Viewers	Levi Whitney	Field Drivers
John Harris		Charles Derby	
Ward Harris		Samuel Houghton	
		Daniel Low	
Ebene ^r Torrey	James Fenno	Hog Reeves	
Alpheus Bontell	Asa Kinsman		
Elliot P. Tucker	Leonard Farnsworth		
Lewis Ripley	William Damon		
Benj J Kendall	James McIntire		
Hiram Adams	Elijah Felt		
James Hartwell	Mowry Farnum		
Flint Sheldon	Edward S. Goodfellow		
	Jon ^a Whittemore Ju ^r		
Capt Alpheus Kimball	Samuel Hawes	Firewards	
Francis Perkins	Joseph Farwell		
Jonas A Marshall			
George Wood. Poundkeeper			
Francis Perkins	Thomas Eaton	School Committee	
Joseph Battles Ju ^r	Clark Hilton		
Levi Farwell	Samuel Sheldon		
Moses Hale	Jerem ^h Kinsman Ju ^r		
Samuel Caswell	Capt Martin Newton		
	Daniel Works		
	Joseph Downe Ju ^r		
Jonas Marshall	William Downe	Tythingmen	
Benjamin Fuller	Abel Bruce		

[505] Voted to let out the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder; the Collector giving bonds to the Town for the faithful discharge of his trust.

Voted that the moderator shall let out the collection of taxes on the spot.

It was accordingly let out to Abel Downe at one dollar on the hundred.

Voted to accept Joseph Farwell & Alpheus Kimball as bondsman for Mr Downe

Chose Abel Downe Collector of Taxes

Alpheus Kimball }
Mannafseh Sawyer } Constables

Art 3^d Voted to raise one thousand dollars the year

ensuing, to be laid out as last year, to support the highways and Bridges.

4 Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars to support the schools the year ensuing, One hundred of which shall be divided among the small districts, at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to choose a Committee to select Candidates for a Committee to assist the Clergymen of the Town in the inspection of schools, and in the examinations of the qualifications of Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses.

Chose Joseph Downe Jun^r Eben^r Torrey, David Brigham, & Payson Williams who reported the following list of persons for the above purposes.

Abel Fox	Charles Snow	Ivers Phillips
David Brigham	W ^m Kilborn 3 ^d	Levi Downe
J. A. Marshall	Barker Gibson	Charles Farwell

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

5. Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment

6. Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Jonas Marshall, Joseph Farwell, Francis Perkins.

7. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of making some arrangements with Abijah Allen & Sam^l Parker respecting the removal of Mr Phinchas Allen & wife to the State of N. York; and to make a report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted that the Town Paupers shall be under the disposal of the Selectmen for the year ensuing.

8. Voted to pass over the eighth article

9 Voted that neat Cattle shall be restrained from running at large the present year

10 Voted to pass over the tenth Article to the Adjournment

[506] 11 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee

to take such measures respecting a Citation served on the Town from the Court of Sefsions, respecting a road laid out by the request of Bezaleel Lawrence and others as they may think expedient

12. Voted that Town meetings shall be notified as last year.

13 Voted to pass over the 13th Art to the adjournment.

14 The whole number of votes given in for Register of Deeds were eighty two, and were all for Artemas Ward Esqr.

15 Pafsed over

16 Pafsed over

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o clock P. M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. March 6, 1826. Personally appeared Peter S. Snow and took the oath prescribed by law for the faithfull performance of his duty as Town Clerk

Before me Eben^r Torrey Jus pacis

A True Copy Attest

P. S. Snow, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that Alpheus Kimball and Mannafisah Sawyer both of Fitchburg have this day taken the oath prescribed by law as Constables in the Town of Fitchburg

Before me David Brigham J. P.

Fitchburg March 6, 1826

A true Copy Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 6, 1826. Personally appeared Joseph Downe Ju^r Zachariah Sheldon & Payson Williams & took the oath by law prescribed as Afsefsors. & Selectmen. Also, David Boutell & Francis Perkins took the oath of Selectmen Also Oliver Fox, P. T. Cowdin Calvin Wood Eben^r Thurston Silas Lawrence Amos Wheeler Ju^r Daniel Works Mannafseh Sawyer took the oath of Higway Surveyors, Also J. F. Hovey & Nathan Ordway took the oath of Cullers of Hoops & Staves Also Abijah Hartwell & Josiah Sheldon took the oath of Surveyors of Lumber Also. Eben^r

Thurston took the oath of a Fence Viewer, & Charles Derby the oath of a Field driver, Also. Ebr^r Torrey E P. Tucker Lewis Ripley B J. Kendall Hiram Adams, James Fenno, Leonard Farnsworth & James McIntire took the oath of Hog. Reeves

before me P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 11th 1826. Samuel Hawes took the oath of a Highway Surveyor before me P. S. Snow T Clerk

[507] 1826 April Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for, Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of April next, at three of the Clock. P. M. to give in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands this 13 day of March in the year 1826

Joseph Downe Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		
Payson Williams	}	of Fitchburg
David Boutelle		
Francis Perkins		

I hereby certify that I have notified the male Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

A a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the preeceding warrant. The whole number of votes given in, wer sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For Governor

Hon Excell. Levi Lincoln	64 votes
Hon Samuel Hubbard	58
Hon James Lloyd	10
Hon Moses Hale	2

To. Lieut Governor

Hon Samuel Hoar Ju ^r	49 votes
Hon Samuel Hoar of Concord	80
Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	2
Hon Samuel Hale	2

Senators

Hon Joseph G. Kendall	128 votes
“ Nathl. Houghton	122
“ Bezaleel Taft Ju ^r	129
“ William Crawford Ju ^r	110
William Eaton	60
Col Samuel Mixter	34
Hon Jonas Sibley	11

Senators

Hon. Nathan ^l P. Denny	35
“ Silas Tolman	9
“ Aaron Tufts	8
“ Joseph Davis Esqr	2
Joseph Battles	1
Joseph Battles Ju ^r	1
Abel Downe	2
Amos Brown	2

Attest P S Snow Town Clerk

[508] The meeting by adjournment from March 6. to April 3^d 182. at one o clock. P M. was opened accordingly & on

Art 5th Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town

Art 6. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer.

Art 10 Voted to authorize The Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town.

Art 13 Voted to pass over the thirteenth article to the adjournment.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the superintendence and Regulation of Schools agreeably to an Act of the General Court passed. 1826

Voted to add the Clergymen of the Town to the above Committee

Voted to excuse Warren Chase, Elijah Brown & Moses Hale from serving as Highway Surveyors.

Chose Arrington Gibson, John Whitecomb & James Harris in their stead.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at one o'clock in the afternoon

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Copy of the Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

The Subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town on the sixth day of March for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, and for inspecting the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors report as follows Viz

Treasurer	Cr.	
By payment of orders drawn on him by the		
Selectmen		2228.86
“ paying interest on notes due to Moses Hale		
& Jon ^a Lowe		12.
“ His services as Treasurer the year past . .		12.

Total Amount 2252.86

Treasurer	Dr	
To cash paid by Jonas Marshall Jun ^r Treasurer		
for the year 1824		12.56
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To Cash rec ^d of Abel Downe in full of his Col-		
lection for the year 1824		881.88
Cash rec ^d of Sundry persons for certificates of		
conditional exemption from military duty .		10.00
Cash rec ^d of the Selectmen paid by the Town		
of Holden for supporting Nathan Wheeler and		
wife		121.92

Cash recv ^d of the Seletmen which they receive from the Town of Leominster for providing for Adam Hawks	8.00
Cash recv ^d of Payson Williams Esqr. it being a moiety of a fine collected of Eliakim Davis for breach of Sabbath	2.00
Cash recv ^d of Payson Williams Esqr it being a fine collected of Simon Smith for profane swearing	1.00
Cash recv ^d of Samuel Houghton in part of his Collection for the year 1825	1350.00
Total Amount	<u>2387.36</u>

Leaving a ballance in his hands due the Town of	134.50
We find due from Samuel Houghton on his Tax bill for the year 1825, subject to a deduction of his fees for collecting	<u>637.12</u>
	771.62

The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale (Interest from last June)	150.00
Due Jona Lowe	50.00
Due the several School Districts	266.92
We find of outstanding Orders	32.87
Due the Seletmen for their services the year past	<u>79.07</u>
	578.86

Leaving a ballance in favour of the Town of . . \$192.76

All which is respectfully submitted. By

Jonas Marshall }
Joseph Farwell } Committee
Francis Perkins }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

A True Copy Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[510] 1826 May Meeting

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote in the choice of Representatives, to meet and assemble at the first Parish meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. to give in their votes for one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court next to be holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April
A.D. 1826

Joseph Downe Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Payson Williams	
David Boutelle	
Francis Perkins	

Pursuant to the within I have notified the male Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

April 22, 1826.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

May 1st 1826. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed

Voted to send one Representative

The votes were then given in, sorted and counted and were for the following persons

Francis Perkins had 78 votes and was chosen

Joseph Downe Ju^r Esqr. 64

Pasan Williams 1

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[511] May 1st 1826. The meeting by adjournment from March 6th to April 3^d 1826, and from April 3^d to May 1st 1826 was opened. The Selectmen of last year made the following report

Fitchburg January 7th 1826. We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg proceeded to lay out a

Town road or highway for the use of the inhabitants of said Town. Beginning six feet from the north west corner of Benj Fullers house and runs south 11 degrees west, twenty six rods on land of Benj Fuller, thence same course seventy one rods on land of Daniel Bacon to a small plumb tree, thence south 12° & thirty minutes thirty eight rods on said Beon's land, thence same course two rods over land of Jonathan Whitcomb, thence same course eighty eight rods on land of Abel Kendall to the Turnpike road. Whole distance 225 rods, the road to be two rods wide and the bounds on the east side of said road. The land given through said Fuller's and Bacons land. Said Kendall requires a wall built on one side of the road on his land as damages; the two rods over Mr Whitcombs land is expected to be purchased, which will be no damages. All which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Downe Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaiah Putnam	
John Willard	

N B. The road will be made free from any expense to the Town.

Voted to accept the above report, and to grant Enoch Bacon fifty dollars on the following conditions. The said Enoch Bacon shall make the road, & and pay all damages, free from any expense to the Town. Said fifty dollars to be paid when the road is completed and accepted by the Seletmen.

Voted to commit the management & support of Mr Phinehas Allen & wife and all things relative to them to the Selectmen

Voted to excuse James Harris from serving as a School Committee man.

Chose Solomon C. Pratt in his stead.

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest

P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[512] 1826 July 12

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meetinghouse in said Town on Wednesday the twelfth day of July instant at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will petition the Commissioners (who are appointed to manage the affairs of County roads) to proceed and discontinue the road lately laid out by a Courts' Committee from Leominster line near the house of Benj. Rogers, and passing near the house lately occupied by Jacob Upton to the road now travelled. Also to request the same Committee to proceed and supervise, lay out, and appraise the damages of a road lately laid out by a Courts Committee leading from Oliver Fox's Potash to Ashburnham line Given under our hands at Fitchburg this third day of July A.D. 1826.

Joseph Downe Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Payson Williams	
David Boutell	
Francis Perkins	

Worcester Is. July 4th 1826. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

July 12th 1826

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Chose Joseph Down Esqr. Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the abovementioned purposes. Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow T. Clerk

[513] 1826 Sept

Worcester fs

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meeting house in said town on Friday the fifteenth day of September inst. at four o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what order the Town will take respecting an order of notice from the Commissioners of highways for the County of Worcester respecting the discontinuance of a part of the great road, between Fitchburg and Leominster, as described in s^d order of notice, likewise respecting the supervision by the Commissioners of the road laid out by the Courts Committee from Foxes Potash, by Jonas Marshall's, near Joshua Phillips' to Ashburnham line, as described in said notice.

3^d To if the Town will accept any road laid out by their Selectmen or their order.

4 To see if the Town will take any measures respecting the discharge of Abel French from Worcester jail.

Given under our hands the fourth day of September 1826

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Payson Williams	
David Boutelle	
Francis Perkins	

Worcester fs Fitchburg September 7th 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within named
Mannaseh Sawyer Constable

Fitchburg September 15th 1826 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg

assembled at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted that the three first Selectmen be a Committee to

[514] 1826 Sept 15

attend upon the Commissioners of Highways

Voted to choose a Committee to petition the Supreme Court at their next Session, for the discharge of Abel French from prison.

Chose Zachariah Sheldon Joseph Downe Jr Oliver Fox.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in October next at 3. oclock P M

Attest P S Snow Town Clerk

Fitchburg October 2^d 1826 The meeting by adjournment from September 15th 1826 to the first monday in October, was opened. Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the twenty third day of October inst at two o clock P. M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Fitchburg October 23^d 1826. The meeting by adjournment from October 2^d to Oct. 23^d, 1826 was opened.

Voted to choose a Committee in conjunction with the Selectmen to view the route for the road petitioned for by Reuben Billings & others

Chose for said Committee Jonas Marshall, Dⁿ Jacob Jaquith, Gen Ivers Jewett Capt Oliver Fox, William Kilborn Ju^r

Voted to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes.

Meeting was again opened according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in November next at 4 o clock P M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the first

Parish meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twenty-third [515] day of October instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will choose a committee to apprehend all persons in said Town who by the excessive use of ardent spirits have exposed themselves to a law of the Commonwealth.

3^d To see what method the Town will take respecting a view and survey of a route for a road from Shirley line through Fitchburg, Ashburnham, and Winchendon to Royalston; in concurrence with the citizens of the neighboring towns, and choose any Committees necessary, or act any thing thereon.

4th To see if the Town will raise money to make repairs or alter any road which may have been laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October
A. D. 1826

Francis Perkins	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
David Boutelle	
Zachariah Sheldon	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Oct. 14th 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Mannafsch Sawyer, Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 23^d day of October 1826, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Esqr Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to apprehend all persons, who by excessive use of ardent spirits have exposed themselves to a law of the Commonwealth

Chose Jonas Marshall	Joseph Richardson	Nathan Ordway
Oliver Fox	Arba Reed	W ^m Carleton
Ivers Jewett	Levi Farwell	Alpheus Kimball

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the above Committee.

Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to take such measures respecting a view and survey of a route [516] for a road from Shirly line through Fitchburg, Ashburnham and Winchendon to Royalston, in concurrence with committees of the above and neighboring Towns, as they may think expedient

Chose Oliver Fox, Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall } Committee
Phillip T. Cowdin & William Kilborn Jr }

Voted that the above Committee be authorized in concurrence with the Committees aforesaid to petition the Commisfioners of Highways to view locate & lay out a road on the route above mentioned.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in November next at three o clock. P M.

Attest. P S. Snow Town Clerk.

The meeting by adjournment from October 23, 1826, at two o clock P. M. to November 6th 1826 was opened a 4 o clock.

Voted to pafs over the 3^d article in the warrant

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from October 23^d 1826 to November the 6th 1826. at three o clock. P. M. was opened

Voted to pafs over the 4th Article in the warrant.

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet and afsemble at the first

Parish meeting house in said Fitchburg on the first Monday in November next at one o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for—representative to Congress for Worcester North District. Given under our hands this twenty third day of October at Fitchburg.

Joseph Downe Jr
Zachariah Sheldon
Francis Perkins

[517] Worcester ss. Fitchburg October 23^d 1826
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

Mamafeeh Sawyer, Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of November, AD 1826, for the purpose of giving in there votes for a Representative to Congress for Worcester North District, Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted & recorded and were for the following persons Viz.

For Hon. Joseph G. Kendall forty four votes

For Hon John Locke . . . nine votes

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

1827 March

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting-house of the first Parish in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing collectors the Town may think proper.

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon. .

4 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise [518] to support their schools the year ensuing or act anything respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper

5 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges.

6th To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors.

7th To see what method the Town will take to support their poor in future, or act any thing thereon respecting purchasing real estate for that purpose.

8 To see if the Town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing.

9th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

10th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon

11th To see if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

12th To see if the Town will make any provision for removing the snow in the several Districts the year ensuing

13 To see if the Town will take any method to procure bucketts for Engine (Extinguisher) or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Given under our hands at Fitchburg this 12th day of February A.D. 1827

Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
David Boutelle.	

Worcester fs March 5th 1827 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of

Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days before the date hereof

Mannasseh Sawyer, Constable of Fitchburg

[519] 1827 March Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town of Monday the 5th day of March 1825. The meeting being opened chose.

Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Peter S. Snow Town Clerk

Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer

Payson Williams		Payson Williams	
David Boutelle		David Boutelle	
Nathan Ordway	Selectmen	Nathan Ordway	Assessors
Francis Perkins			
Alpheus Boutell			
Joshua Goodridge			
Thomas Goodhue		Calvin Howard	
David Boutelle		Benjamin Wheeler	
Isaiah Putnam		Elnathan Gibson	
Asa Brown		John Stickney	
William Carleton		Samuel Sheldon	Highway Surveyors
Emory Carr		Barker Gibson	
Joseph Simonds		Silas W Hutchinson	
Aaron Derby Jr		John Harris	
Joseph Farnsworth		Hayman Wheeler	
Joseph F Hovey		John Thurston	
John Carter	Cullers of Hoops & Staves		
Zachariah Sheldon			
John Harris	Surveyors of Lumber		
Aaron Eaton			
Thomas Harris		William Carleton	Field Drivers
Reuben Smith	Fence Viewers	Abram Osborn	
Joseph Upton		John Sawyer	
Jacob Upton		Amos Wheeler	

Abel Fox	Washington Mellen	} Hog Reeves
Abel Bruce	Justin Stearns	
Jon ^a Haskell	William B. Fenno	
Calvin Howard	John Pritchard	
Barker Gibson	Asher Green	
Joseph Townsend	Arrington Gibson 2 ^d	
Silas W Hutchinson	Francis Hinds	
John M Adams	Josiah S. Houghton	
Jonas A Marshall	John Brown	
John Caldwell Jr	Samuel Farwell	
	James Whittemore	

[520] 1827 March

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint three persons as Measurers of Wood.

Chose Alpheus Kimball	Samuel Hawes	} Firewards
Francis Perkins	Joseph Farwell	
Jonas A Marshall	David Boutell	

Voted to excuse Samuel Hawes from serving as Fireward

Chose George Wood, Pound Keeper

Joseph Farwell	Augustus H. Searle	} School Committee
Joseph Battles	Amos Sheldon 3 ^d	
Charles Beckworth	Elnathan Gibson	
Abram Osborn	David Boutelle	
Abel Thurston	William Carleton	
Lewis Wheeler	Benjamin Fuller	

Voted that an additional School Committee be chosen at the adjournment.

Chose Benjamin Sheldon	Aaron Eaton	} Tythingmen
Amos Durant	Eph ^m Osborn	

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour.

The meeting being again opened, Voted that the Collectorship be let out upon the same conditions as last year, by the Moderator to the lowest bidder, in a half an hour from this time.

Voted to take up the 12th Article in the Warrant

Voted to pass over the 12th Article

The half hour having expired; the collection of Taxes

was let out to Abel Downe at the rate of one dollar on the hundred.

Voted to accept of Alpheus Kimball and David Boutele as sureties for Mr Downe.

Chose Abel Downe Collector.

Mannasseh Sawyer	} Constables
Alpheus Kimball	

Art 3^d \$1000. Voted to raise one thousand dollars to repair the highways and bridges the year ensuing.

Voted to choose a committee to examine the bridge near the house formerly owned by Jacob Upton and if in their opinion it will be necessary to build a new bridge, they are hereby empowered to provide timber & other necessary materials for the same and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Jonas Marshall Zachariah Sheldon & Joseph Downe Jr. Committee

Voted to raise two hundred dollars in addition to the sum of \$1000, to repair the highways and bridges.

[521] Voted that the pay for work on the highways be the same as last year.

Art 4 Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing, one hundred of which shall be divided among the small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen.

5 Voted to pass over the 5th Article to the adjournment.

6 Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer

Chose Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall, Benjamin Snow, Committee

7 Voted to choose a Committee of three persons as Overseers of the Poor. Also to take into consideration the best method of supporting the Poor in future, either by purchasing a farm for that purpose or otherwise, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Jonas Marshall, Joseph Farwell, Committee

8. Voted to pass over the eighth Article in the warrant

9 Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large.

10 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town.

11 The eleventh Article was passed over

13. Voted to grant fifty dollars towards furnishing bucketts for the Fire Engine, Extinguisher

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at one o clock P. M.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March 5th 1827 Then Payson Williams, David Boutelle and Nathan Ordway personally appeared before me and took the oath by law required as Selectmen & Afsesors. Alpheus Boutell took the oath of Selectman. Thomas Goodhue, David Boutelle, Asa Brown, Elnathan Gibson, Samuel Sheldon & Hayman Wheeler took the oath of Highway Surveyors. Joseph F Hovey took the oath of a Culler of Hoops & Staves. Abel Fox Abel Bruce, Calvin Howard Barker Gibson, Joseph Townsend Jonas A Marshall, John Caldwell Jr Justin Stearns, John Pritchard, Ashur Green, took the oath of Hog Reeves.

March 7th Mannafsah Sawyer took the oath of a Constable.

March 10th John Thurston, & Silas W Hutchinson took the oaths of Highway Surveyors

March 12 Isaiah Putnam took the oath of a Highway Surveyor.

March 13 James Whittemore took the oath of a Hog Reeve. John Sawyer took the oath of Field driver. March 29 Francis Perkins took the oath of a Seletman & Benj. Snow took the oath of a measurer of wood. April 2^d Joseph Upton & Daniel Low were sworn as Fence Viewers

P. S. Snow Town Clerk.

[522] 1827

Worcester fs Fitchburg March 26, 1827. Then personally appeared Peter S. Snow and took the oath re-

quired by law to qualify him to act as Town Clerk of Fitchburg for the ensuing year

Before me E. Torrey J. Peace

A true copy

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from March 5th to April 2^d 1827 was opened. Voted to excuse Mr Reuben Smith from serving as a Fence Viewer. Chose Daniel Low in his stead.

Voted to excuse John Harris from Serving as a Highway Surveyor.

Chose Tim^o F Downe in his stead.

Voted to choose a Town's School Committee of seven Persons

Chose Rev^d Calvin Lincoln Rev R A Putnam, David Brigham, Eben^r Torrey, Ivers Jewett, Abel Fox, J. A. Marshall.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Voted that the above Committee be authorized and directed to settle with the Town Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Seletmen and Afsefsors at the close of the current year.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to purchase a farm for the support of the Towns Poor.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be at liberty to omit buying a farm the present year, provided they think it not expedient to purchase, and if so they are hereby authorized to let out or otherwise dispose of the Poor in the way which they shall think most proper.

Voted, That provided the Overseers of the Poor shall purchase a farm, they are hereby authorized, to repair the buildings if necessary, stock the farm, provide an Overseer, farming tools and all other things which may be needful.

Voted to excuse Joseph Farnsworth from serving as Highway Surveyor.

Chose Asa Farwell in his stead.

Voted that the Committee chosen to examine the Bridge near the house formerly owned by Jacob Upton,

be authorized and directed to build and complete the bridge at that place.

Voted to excuse Joseph Downe Esqr & Joseph Farwell from serving as Overseers of the Poor.

\$2200, Voted to raise twenty two hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the Town the year ensuing.

Voted to add the five Seletmen to the board of Overseers of the Poor.

Payson Williams, David Boutelle Nathan Ordway, Francis Perkins & Alpheus Boutell were accordingly chosen

Voted to disolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[523] 1827 April

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of April next at three o clock P. M. to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Given under our hands this 12th day of March A.D. 1827

Payson Williams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
David Boutelle	
Nathan Ordway	
Alpheus Boutelle	

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the said inhabitants in the town of Fitchburg, to meet at the time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the date hereof.

Mannafsch Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg

March 23, 1827

Pursuant to the above warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and

for the purpose therein expressed. The whole number of votes given in were for the following persons Viz.

For Governor

His Excell. Levi Lincoln	118 votes
Hon Marcus Morton	15
Hon W ^m C. Jarvis	5
Hon Samuel Hoar	1

For Lieut Governor

His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop	141
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Senators

Hon Josep Kendall	136
“ Aaron Tufts	136
Col Josep Davis	133
Hon Silas Holman	131
“ John W. Lincoln	99
“ Edmund Cushing.	26
Joseph Bowman Esqr.	3

Attest. P. S. Snow Town Clerk

May 7. 1827 Capt Amos Durant took the oath of Sealer of weights and measures before me

P. S. Snow T Clerk

[524] 1827 April

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the second day of April next at 4 o clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will give their consent for Samuel Gibson to be set off to the Town of Ashby, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To see if the town will provide a Hearse and a building for the same, to be located near the westerly burying ground or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March
A.D. 1827

Payson Williams	} Selectmen
David Boutelle	
Nathan Ordway	
Francis Perkins	
Alpheus Boutelle	

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days before the date hereof

Mannasseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg
March 23, 1827

Pursuant to the above warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on 2^d day of April 1827

Art 1 Chose Phillip F. Cowdin Moderator

Art 2 The 2^d article was passed over

3 Voted to provide a hearse and a building for the same to be located near the westerly burying ground.

Voted to choose a Committee to carry the above into effect.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee above mentioned

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[525] Copy of the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

Fitchburg March 24, 1827

The Subscribers a Committee duly chosen by the inhabitants of said Town, on the fifth day of March instant for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer, and for inspecting the accounts of the Sletmen and Afsefsors offer the following report Viz.

Treasurer Dr	
To a ballance due from him to the Town on settlement in March 1826	\$134.50
“ Cash paid by sundry persons for certificates of conditional exemption from Military duty the year past	6.00
“ Cash paid by Samuel Houghton in part of his collection for the year 1825	587.12
“ Cash paid by Abel Downe in part of his collection for the year 1826	1765.16
“ Cash recv ^d of the Selectmen, paid by the Town of Lancaster for providing for Mrs Mary Willard	7.00
“ Cash recv ^d of the same, paid by the town of Groton for providing for Silas Farmer . .	13.00
Cash hired for the use of the Town	200.00
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	2712.78

Treasurer Cr	
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Selectmen	2556.70
“ Paying interest on notes due Jon ^a Lowe & Moses Hale	12.00
His Services as Treasurer the year past . .	12.00
Cash advanced to pay a bill at Charlestown in behalf of John Allen & R B Story . . .	39.75
Cash advanced to pay Road Commifsioners .	57.44
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	2677.89

Leaving a ballance in the Treasurers hands of	34.89
We find due the Town from Abel Downe on his Collection for the year 1826	375.38
Due from Samuel Houghton on 1825 Tax bill .	50.00
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	460.27

The Committee find due from the Town to Moses Hale 157.50 To Jon ^a Lowe 52.50 To Levi Farwell 102.50. To Francis Perkins 100 . .	
Total	412.50
Due the several School Districts	475.09

Due the Selectmen & Afsefsors for Services the	
year past	58.25
We find due for Outstanding Orders	162.95
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	1108.79

Leaving a ballance against the Town of . . . 648.52

J. Jewett
Jonas Marshall } Committee
Benjamin Snow }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

A True Copy

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[526] 1827 May Meeting

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, your are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on monday the seventh day of May next, at one o clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2^d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands, this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1827

Payson Williams }
David Boutelle } Selectmen
Alpheus Bontell } of
Francis Perkins } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. April 17th 1827 I hereby certify that I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the above warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met on monday May 7th 1827 for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant

Art 1 Voted to choose two Representatives the present year

The votes were then given in, sorted counted & declaration thereof made and were for the following persons

Votes for 1 st Representative	{ Francis Perkins had 92 votes and was chosen	
	{ Joseph Simonds 80	[first Representative
	{ Payson Williams 3	
	{ Joseph Downe 2	
	{ Eben ^r Torrey 2	
Votes for 2 ^d Representative	{ Ivers Jewett 2	
	{ Joseph Simonds had 88 votes and was chosen	
	{ Ebenezer Torrey had 73	[second Representative
	{ Payson Williams 12	
	{ David Brigham 1	

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. SNOW Town Clerk

[527] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the First Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1827

Payson Williams	{	Selectmen of Fitchburg
David Boutelle		
Alpheus Boutell		
Francis Perkins		

Worcester fs. April 17, 1827 I hereby certify that I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball, Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday May 7th 1827 for the purposes therein expressed

Chose Francis Perkins Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of seven persons to examine a route for a road from Fitchburg to Ashby

Chose, Levi Farwell, P. F Cowdin Oliver Fox Alpheus Boutell, Jonas Marshall Joseph Farwell, Martin Newton.

Voted that the Committee be instructed to confer with the People of Ashby and to examine with them the whole route in Fitchburg and Ashby, and also to make an estimate of the probable damages.

Voted that the Committee be instructed to examine a route for a road from Benj. Tolmans' & Reuben Billings' to the contemplated road from Fitchburg to Ashby Also to estimate the damages and make a report at the adjournment of the meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to June 4th 1827 at 4 o'clock P M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[528] 1827 June

The meeting by adjournment from May 7th to June 4th 1827 at 4 o'clock P. M. was opened

Chose Oliver Fox Moderator pro tem.

Voted that the plan of the routes for a road from Fitchburg to Ashby made by a Committee chosen for that purpose, be preserved with the Town Records.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at

the First Parish meetinghouse in s^d Fitchburg on Wednesday the twenty fourth day of October instant, at two o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^d To see if the Town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near Widow Nathan Andrews, on by Arrington Gibsons', house to the present travel'd road, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Amos Lawrence for the accomodation of William Withington, or act any thing thereon.

4th To see what measures the town will take respecting a citation served on the Clerk of said town, to shew cause if any they have, why Samuel Gibson together with his estate shall not be sett off to the town of Ashby, or act any thing thereon. Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October A. D. 1827

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Francis Perkins	
Alpheus Boutell	
Nathan Ordway	

Worcester fs. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg
Fitchburg Oct. 15, 1827

[529] 1827 October

Pursuant to the foregoing. warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expresed Voted &

Art 1 Chose Joseph Downe Jr Esqr Moderator

2^d Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to confer and agree with the owners of the land through which the contemplated road, beginning near the Widow Nathan Andrews & passing near the house of Arrington Gibson has been laid out by the Selectmen.

Chose Levi Farwell, Jacob Jaquith, Payson Williams, David Boutelle Alpheus Boutell, Committee

Voted to refer the consideration of the road petitioned for by William Withington, to the above Committee.

Voted that the Town instruct their Representatives to the General Court to oppose the petition of Samuel Gibson, praying to be sett off, together with his estate, to the Town of Ashby.

Voted that the further consideration of the above, be postponed to the adjournment of the meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday November the third at one o clock P. M.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

The meeting by adjournment from October 24 to November the 3^d at one o clock P. M. was opened.

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant.

Voted to accept the report of the Road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near the Widow Nathan Andrews & passing by Arrington Gibsons, to the present travelled road, Provided that a bond satisfactory to the Selectmen shall be given within thirty days that the road shall be made without expense to the Town. The Town to pay the damages to the owners of the land through which said road is laid out.

Selectmen's Report

The Subscribers by request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out a road, commencing at a stake and stones on the old road, north of Widow Nancy Andrews, near the north west corner of Arrington Gibsons 2^d land, from thence South 22° West 20 Rods to a stake and stones, thence South 24° west, 47 rods thence south 21° West 37½ rods, thence South 23½° West 36 rods, thence South 36° West, 20 Rods, thence South 37½° West 27 rods to an Ash tree, thence [530] Thence South 32° West 23 rods, thence South 61° West 11 rods thence South 40° West 23 rods, thence South 22 west 22 rods to the intersection of the two roads, making 266½ Rods.

The road is laid out two rods wide and bounded on the east side.

Through Arrington Gibsons 2^d land 67 rods. Damage \$50..00

Through land of Widow Nancy Andrews 37½ rods Damage \$100..00

Through land of W^m Withington 46 rods Damage \$30.00

Through land of Arrington Gibson 94 rods, to the line between s^d Gibson & the heirs of the late Joseph Gibson, from thence 22 rods a stake and stones at the intersection of the two roads.

Arrington Gibson agrees to give the land for the road and fence it through his land.

Payson Williams } Selectmen
David Boutelle } of
Alpheus Boutelle } Fitchburg

Fitchburg October 27, 1827

Voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to prepare a remonstrance to be presented to the General Court at the next Sesion to shew cause why the petition of Samuel Gibson, (praying that he together with his estate may be sett off from the Town of Fitchburg and annexed to Ashby,) shall not be granted.

Chose Ebenezer Torrey, Jonas Marshall, David Brigham, Committee

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester Is. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and asemble at the First Parish Meetinghouse in said town on Saturday the third day of November next at two o clock P M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the town will vote any sum of money as an inducement for the Commissioners of Highways for the County to locate and make a road from Ashburnham line to the middle of this town, or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

3 To see if the town will repair the Aquaduct at the Poor House, dig a well or act any thing thereon.

[531] Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1827. . .

Payson Williams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
David Boutelle	
Alpheus Boutell	
Nathan Ordway	

Worcester fs October 25th 1827. I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said town fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting

Manafsch Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on saturday the 3^d day of November A.D. 1827 The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Jr Moderator

Voted to raise one thousand dollars towards defraying the expenses of making a road to Ashburnham line, provided said road shall be laid out and established by the Commisfioners of Highways.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to communicate the above vote to the Commisfioners of Highways at Worcester on the first week in December next

Chose David Brigham, Ebenezer Torrey & Nath^l Wood, Committee

Voted that the Seletmen be directed to take such measures respecting the repairing of the aquaduct, or digging a well at the poor house as they may judge most expedient

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[532] 1828 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in all Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town, on Monday the third day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and all other Town Officers agreeable to law and act any thing respecting choosing collectors the Town may think proper.

3^d To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

4th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing or act any thing respecting laying out the money, which they may deem proper.

5 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

6. To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing

7 To see what method the Town will adopt for carrying on their farm the year ensuing, or act anything thereon.

8th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to lay before the Town, the amount of expenses incurred in the support of their Poor the past year or act any thing thereon.

9th To see if the Town will grant any remuneration to Jeremiah Kinsman Jr for the support of the Widow Olive Messenger, the year past or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the Town will suffer their swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the year ensuing

11th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing

12 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town or act any thing thereon.

13th To see if the Town are in favour of the several School Districts choosing their Prudential Committee by Districts or act any thing thereon

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14th To see if the Town will adopt the regulations for governing the Poorhouse and its inmates as made out by the Overseers of the Poor or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

15th To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the Accounts of the Selectmen and Afsefsors for the past year.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February A. D. 1828.

Payson Williams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
David Boutelle	
Nathan Ordway	
Alpheus Boutell	

Worcester fs. February 21st 1828. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the said inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up copies of said warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town eight days before the date hereof. Mannasseh Sawyer Constable of Fitchburg.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third day of March A. D. 1828

The meeting being opened & the warrant read.

Art 1st Chose Payson Williams, Moderator.

2^d Peter S. Snow Town Clerk

The report of the Inspecting School Committee was then read.

Voted to give the united thanks of the Town to the School Committee whose able report has just been read.

Voted to accept of the report of the School Committee, and that it be put on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Chose Joseph Simonds Treasurer

David Boutelle	}	Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon		
Mannafseh Sawyer		
David Boutelle	}	Assessors
Zachariah Sheldon		
Mannafseh Sawyer		

Mowry Farnum	William Wyman	}	Highway Surveyors
Oliver Everett	Benjamin Foster		
Benjamin Snow	Clark Hilton		
Hosea Proctor	Aaron Bolton ^{sworn}		
Elisha Carter	Jesse McIntire		
Samuel Gibson	John Sawyer		
Samuel Caswell	Levi Fullam		
Jabez Fairbanks	Francis Dean		
Eben ^r Hutchinson Jr	Stephen Dole ^{sworn}		
Levi Pratt	Horace Messenger		

[534] Chose Joseph Hovey { Cullers of
Benjamin Fuller } Hoops & Staves

Josiah Sheldon	}	Surveyors of Lumber
John Harris		
Abijah Hartwell		

John Harris	}	Fence Viewers	John Harris	}	Field Drivers
Samuel Hawes			Samuel Phelps		
Nathan Ordway			Benj ⁿ Snow		
Jonas Marshall			Samuel Houghton		
Ivers Jewett			Abel Downe	}	Firewards
Jonas A. Marshall		David Boutelle			
Mannafseh Sawyer		Oliver Fox			

George Wood Pound keeper

13th Voted that the Prudential School Committee shall be chosen by the School Districts.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour.

The meeting being opened according to adjournment

Chose Cheder Marshall	Nathaniel Wood	} Hog-Reeves
Levi Fullam	Levi Simonds	
Edmund Davis	Elias Mefsender	
Charles Carter	Levi Phelps	
Samuel Smith 3 ^d	Moses Hale	
Thomas Willson	Abel Osborn	
Amos Wyman	Calvin Darling	
Samuel A Wheeler	James L. Haynes	
Martin Richardson	John P. Buttrick	
Amos Sheldon 3 ^d	Samuel Hale	} Tythingmen
Abraham Osborn	Levi Whitney	
William Downe		

Voted to let out the Collectorship in 25 minutes from this time by the Moderator, to the lowest bidder.

Voted to postpone choosing the Inspecting School Committee to the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted to reconsider the above vote.

Chose Calvin Lincoln	Eben ^r Torrey	} Inspecting School Committee
Rufus A Putnam	Abel Fox	
Ivers Jewett	Jonas A Marshall	
David Brigham		

[535] The Collectorship was let out to Benjamin Snow at One dollar seven & a half cents on the hundred.

Chose Benjamin Snow Collector

Voted to accept of Oliver Fox and Jonas Marshall as Bondsmen for Benjamin Snow.

Chose Benjamin Snow }
Alpheus Kimball } Constables

Art 3 Voted to raise Twelve Hundred dollars to repair the highways and bridges. to be laid out as last year.

4 Voted to raise Eleven Hundred dollars for the Support of schools the year ensuing, to be expended in the same manner as last year.

5 Voted to pass over the fifth article to the adjournment of the meeting

6 Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsefsors for the year ensuing.

Chose Ivers Jewett, Jonas Marshall and Benjamin Snow, Committee

7 Voted to pass over the seventh article to the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to receive proposals and engage some suitable person to oversee and take the charge of the Poor Farm, for one year from the 13th of April next.

8th Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to investigate & ascertain the amount of expenses incurred in support of the Poor the past year, and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

Chose Joseph Richardson, Ivers Jewett, & Benj. Snow, Committee

9th Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to investigate and take into consideration the case of the Widow Olive Mefenger, mentioned in the ninth article of the Warrant, and also any cases which may arise of a similar nature.

Chose Joseph Downe, Isaiah Putnam & David Brigham, Committee

10th Voted to pass over the 10th Article

11th Voted to restrain neat cattle from running at large.

12th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town.

14 Voted to pass over the 14th Article

15 Voted to pass over the 15th Article to the adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P. M.

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[536] The following persons took the oaths by law required at the dates specified

March 4th 1828. David Boutelle Zachariah Sheldon & Mannasseh Sawyer took the Oaths of Selectmen & Assessors.

March 3, Benjamin Foster & Francis Dean took the oath of Highway Surveyors. March 6, Oliver Everett & Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr took the Oath of Highway sur-

veyors. March 8, Benj. Snow & Samuel Gibson took the Oath of Highway Surveyors, March 11, Horace Mefsen-
ger took the Oath of a Highway surveyor, March 10
Jabez Fairbanks took the same oath. March 21, Abijah
Hartwell took the oath of Surveyors of Lumber. March
11th Samuel Hawes took the Oath of Fence Viewer March
8th Benjamin Snow took the Oaths of Constable and Col-
lector. March 29 John Sawyer took the oath of Highway
surveyor &, Surveyor of Weights & measures.

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

March Mr Joseph Upton & Mr Daniel Lowe took the
oath of Fence viewers P. S. Snow Town Clerk

April 7th 1828. The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-
burg met according to adjournment. The report of the
Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer was read.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee which is
as follows,

Committees Report

Fitchburg March 25th 1828

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the Inhabi-
tants of said Town for the purpose of settling with their
Treasurer and of Inspecting the Accounts of the Selectmen
Assessors and Overseers of the Poor offer the following
report Viz.

Treasurer	Dr	
To a ballance due from him to the Town at the last settlement		\$34..89
Cash paid by conditional exempts from Military duty		4..00
Cash paid by Samuel Houghton in full of his collection for the year 1825		50..00
Cash paid by Abel Downe in full of his collec- tion for the year, 1826		375..38
Payments by Abel Downe on his collection for the year, 1827		2360..00
Cash hired for the use of the Town the year past		1009 69
		<hr/> \$3833..96

[537] Treasurer Cr	
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the	
Selectmen	\$3501.03
“ paying annual Interest on Town notes . .	18.00
“ paying town note to Francis Perkins . . .	107.50
“ payment of Interest to Capt Oliver Fox on	
Perry farm notes	12.33
“ Interest paid on short loans of Cash hired	
for the use of the Town	8.80
“ his services as Treasurer the year past includ-	
ing time spent in hiring cash, taking deed	
and giving securities for the Perry Farm .	15.00
“ payment to Benj. Snow on a town note . .	38.31
	<u>3700.97</u>
Leaving a ballance due the Town from their	
Treasurer of the sum of	132.99
We find due the Town from D ⁿ Abel Downe on	
1827 tax bill	<u>1023 20</u>
	\$1156.19
The Committee find due from the Town to cer-	
tain individuals for cash loaned	1329.69
Due for the Perry farm to Capt Oliver Fox	
\$1908.. To Caleb Perry 2105	4013.00
Due the several school Districts	310.24
Due the Selectmen and Afsefsors and Overseers	
of the Poor, viz To Payson Williams Esqr	
25.70 To David Boutelle 24 74 To Fran-	
cis Perkins 10.37 To Capt Alpheus Boutell	
7.25 To Jonas Marshall 20.90	88.96
Due Major Ordway for taking care of Pauper	
farm and Paupers	75.00
Due on outstanding Orders	<u>165.34</u>
	\$5982.23
Leaving a ballance against the Town of . . .	<u>\$4826.04</u>

All which is respectfully submitted

Jonas Marshall } Committee
Benjamin Snow }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Art 8th The report of the Committee chosen to investigate and ascertain the amount of expenses incurred in support of the Poor the past year was read

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

Art 5 \$1800.. Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars to defray the necessary Town charges for the year ensuing.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[538] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the First Parish meeting-house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three o'clock in the afternoon

1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators for the district of Worcester for the year ensuing.

2^d To vote on the following subject by yeas and nays, Shall a new County be formed of the several towns in Worcester and Middlesex Counties, as prayed for in the petition of Ivers Jewett and others? Agreeably to a resolve of the General Court.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March A.D. 1828.

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannasseh Sawyer	
	Fitchburg

Worcester fs Fitchburg March 21, 1828. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the said Inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up notifications at each of the meetinghouses in said town

Benjamin Snow Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the seventh day of April A. D. 1828

The meeting being opened votes for the following persons were given in,

For Governor.	His Exc. Levi Lincoln had . .	73 votes
	Hon Marcus Morton	3

For Lieut Gov.	His Honor Thom L. Winthrop .	82
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Senators

Hon Edmund Cushing	104
Joseph Estabrook Esqr	104
Samuel Mixter Esqr	104
W ^m S. Hastings Esqr	104
Joseph Davis Esqr	101
John W Lincoln Esqr	1

On the Question shall there be a new County formed of several towns in Worcester & Middlesex Counties

Yeas 117

Nays 2

Attest	P. S. Snow Town Clerk
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[539] Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the first parish Meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of April next at four o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2^d To hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate the cases of Asaph Goodridge and wife Mrs. Mefenger & others & act thereon

3 To hear the report of the Committee chosen to take an inventory of the property appertaining to the Town farm and ascertain the expenses of the poor for the year past and act thereon.

4 To see if the town will defray the expense of ringing the bell of the first parish meetinghouse or act any thing thereon

5 To see if the Town will allow W^m Withington any additional sum for the damage of the road passing through his land as laid out by the Selectmen last Oct. or act any thing thereon.

6 To see if the Town will be in favor of changing the name of their Poor house to that of Work house or act any thing thereon they may think expedient.

Given under our hands the twentieth day of March
A.D. 1828

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannafsch Sawyer	

Worcester fs March 21, 1828

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the said Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the within mentioned time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up notifications at each of the meeting houses in said town.

Benjamin Snow Constable of Fitchburg

April 7th 1828. The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met agreeably to the foregoing warrant. The meeting being opened

Chose David Boutelle Moderator

The report of the Committee chosen to investigate the case of Asaph Goodridge & wife & others was read.

Voted not to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted that the town pay the expense of ringing the bell untill another shall be erected in town.

Voted to pass over the 5th Article

Voted to change the name of the Poor house to that of Work-house

Voted to dissolve the meeting

attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[540] April 1828

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 7th 1828 This certifies that Peter S. Snow this day personally appeared before

me and made oath that in the office of Clerk of said Town, to which he is chosen he will truly record all votes passed in all town meetings during the year and untill another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his office.

Ebenezer Torrey Jus Pacis

A True Copy Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester Is To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the
Seal Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to
Seal vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the first Parish meetinghouse in said Fitchburg, on Monday the fifth day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year

2^d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

3^d To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town business

4th To see if the Town will accept the list of persons for Jurors, as made out by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon.

5th To see if the Town will choose an additional number of Firewards

6th To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the construction of a reservoir for water on the Common or act any thing thereon may be thought expedient.

7th To see if the Town will sell Joshua Goodridge one or more acres of land (from the town farm) lying opposite his house or act thing thereon.

8th To see if the Town will grant any assistance to school district No 2^d in building a School-house or act any thing thereon

9 To see if the town will allow an additional sum of money to the Widow Susan Thurston and W^m Withington for the damage of a road passing through their land as laid out by the Selectmen last Oct^r

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up [541] attested copies thereof, at each of the meeting-houses in said town at least eight days before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this nineteenth day day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Manasseh Sawyer	

Worcester fs. Pursuant to this I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and places and for the purposes as within mentioned.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Fitchburg April 26, 1828

Fitchburg May 5th 1828

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. The meeting being opened

Voted to pass over the first and second article of the warrant for 30 minutes

Art 3^d Chose David Boutelle Moderator

4 Voted to accept the list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen

5 Voted to add 3 persons to the list of Firewards

Chose Zachariah Sheldon, Amos Durant & Oliver Everett.

6th Voted to build a reservoir for water on the Common with 2 pumps at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

Voted to choose a committee of 3 persons to put the above vote into effect.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee above-mentioned

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with Capt Joshua Goodridge, and be empowered to sell him a piece of land from the Town farm if they shall deem it expedient.

Voted that the Town pay their proportion of the Tax for building a School-House in District No 2, according to the property which the Town possesses in said District

Voted that the additional sum of \$10.00 be granted to the Widow Susan Thurston and W^m Withington, it being in full for damages of the road passing through their land as laid out by the Selectmen in Oct. last.

turn over

[542] Art 1 Voted to choose two Representatives the present year.

Chose Francis Perkins 1st representative who had 77 votes

Joseph Simonds had 53

Payson Williams " 17

Isaiah Putnam " 2

Chose Isaiah Putnam 2^d Representative who had 98 votes

Eben^r Torrey 40

Joseph Simonds 2

Payson Williams 8

Voted to disolve the meeting

Attest P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the first Parish meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day of May next at two o clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following subject.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^d To see if the town will authorize a reward to be offered for the apprehension of Sylvanus Lapham or any other person, or persons who may have been guilty of

setting fire to certain buildings in this town recently or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each meetinghouse in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty sixth day of April in A.D. 1828

David Boutelle	} Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannafseh Sawyer		of Fitchburg

[543] Worcester fs. April 26, 1828 Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

May 5th 1828. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed.

The meeting being opened.

Chose Isaiah Putnam Moderator

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to offer a reward not exceeding two hundred dollars for the apprehension of any person or persons who shall be convicted of having set fire to the buildings which have recently been burnt in this town.

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest, P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester . . . Greeting

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-
Seal chusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants
Seal of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elec-
tions and town affairs, to meet at the first Parish
Meetinghouse in said Fitchburg, on Monday the third day
of November next at one o clock in the afternoon

1st To give in their votes for the number of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States to which this Commonwealth may be entitled.

2^d To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for Worcester North District.

3^d To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town business

4th To see what measures the town will take respecting making the road to be located by the County Commissioners from Fitchburg to Ashburnham or act any thing thereon relating to said road.

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5th For the town to express their views as to the expediency of granting licenses for the exhibition of the various shows that are applied for.

6th To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to meet a Committee appointed by the Legislature upon the petition of Samuel Gibson, to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted

7th To see if the town will take any measures for establishing the bounds of the road from Leominster line on by the Widow Tamar Pierces.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at each of the meetinghouses in said town at least eight days before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. David Boutelle } Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon } of
Mannafsch Sawyer } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs Oct 24, 1828. I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed.

The meeting being opened, votes were given in for Electors of President & Vice President and were for the following persons viz.

Electors	His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop	111 votes
at large	Hon Samuel Lathrop	111
Suffolk District,	Hon Jesse Putnam	111
Essex South	" Hon Stephen White	111
Essex North	" Hon Bailey Bartlett	111
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Middlesex	" Hon Nathan Chandler	111
Worcester South	" Gen Jonathan Davis	111
Worcester North	" Hon Silas Holman	111
Franklin	" Col Eliel Gilbert	111
Hampden	" Hon Joshua Frost	111
Berkshire	" Samuel Jones Esqr	111
Norfolk	" Hon Edward H. Robbins	111
Plymouth	" Hon Seth Sprague	111
Bristol	" Hon Oliver Starkweather	111
Barnstable	" Hon Braddock Dimmick	111

Art 2^d Votes for a Representative in Congress were given in and were as follows

Hon Joseph G. Kendall had 70 votes
 Hon John Locke 58 "

3^d Chose David Boutelle Moderator

4 Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to let out and superintend the making of the road from Oliver Fox's Potash to Westminster line, agreeably to the directions of the County Commissioners, which road is now under the Consideration of said Commissioners.

Chose Oliver Fox, Isaiah Putnam, Phillip F. Cowdin, Abel Downe, & Alpheus Kimball.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested not to grant any licenses for public shows and exhibitions.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons, whose duty it shall be to prosecute any person or person who shall come into town with any shows or exhibitions in violation of the law.

Chose William Carleton, Flint Sheldon & David Boutelle, Committee.

Voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to meet a Committee appointed by the Legislature on the petition of Samuel Gibson, to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

Chose Jonas Marshall, Francis Perkins, Ivers Jewett.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to run the lines and establish the bounds of the road from Leominster line, by the Widow Tamar Pierces.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

P S Snow Town Clerk

[546] 1828 Nov

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meeting-house in said Town on Saturday, the 29th day of November instant, at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator

2^d For the Inhabitants to express their opinion as to the kind of bridges which will be for the interest of the Town to build over the River, on the new located road, from Ashburnham to Fitchburg.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of November A.D. 1828.

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Mannasseh Sawyer	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg Nov 29, 1828. In pursuance of the within directions I have warned the inhabitants of said Fitchburg by posting up warrants at the several meeting-houses in said Fitchburg

B. Snow, Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg on Saturday November 29th 1828. The meeting being opened

Chose Joseph Downe Esqr Moderator.

Voted that the Committee chosen to let out and superintend the making of the new road from O. Fox's Potash to Westminster line be instructed to build two stone bridges over the river on said road.

Voted to disolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

Worcester fs. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

Seal You are hereby required in the name of said
Seal Commonwealth to notify and warn the inhabitants
Seal of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town
affairs to meet and assemble at the First Parish
meetinghouse in said

[547] 1829 January

town on saturday the thirty first day of January instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see what measures the Town will take to construct and build a bridge near Jacob Tolmans shop, or act any thing with regard to rebuilding said bridge the Town may deem proper.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of January A. D. 1829

David Boutelle	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Zachariah Sheldon	
Manafseh Sawyer	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester fs Fitchburg January 23, 1829

Agreable to the within warrant, I have notified and warned said Inhabitants of said Fitchburg to meet at time and place agreeable to the within directions, by posting up warrants at the several meetinghouses in said town Benjamin Snow, Const. of Town of Fitchburg.

January 31, 1829. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg

Chose Jonas Marshall Moderator

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of five persons to superintend & direct the rebuilding of the bridge between Jacob Tolman's & Capt Sheldon's Shops, in the manner which they shall judge to most for the interest of the town

Chose Zachariah Sheldon	} Committee
Payson Williams	
Joshua Goodridge	
Joseph Downe	
Levi Pratt	

Voted to difolve the meeting

P. S. Snow Town Clerk

[548] 1829 Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and
 (L S) warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg
 (L S) qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meetinghouse of the first Parish in said Town, on Monday the second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)—

Art 1st To chose a Moderator to govern Said meeting.

“ 2^d To chose a Town clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Afsefsors and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act any thing respecting choosing a Collector the Town may think expedient.

“ 3^d To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

“ 4th To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to Support their Schools the year ensuing or act anything respecting laying out the money which they may deem proper.

“ 5th To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges.

“ 6th To See if the Town will chose a committee

to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ensuing.

“ 7th To hear the report of the committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Afsefsors for the past year

“ 8th To See if the Town will Authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with Some person to superintend the Work-house with its inmates for one or more years or act anything thereon.

“ 9th To See if the Town will chose a committee to lay before the Town the amount of expences incurred in the support of the poor the past year, or act any thereon.

“ 10th To See if the Town will chose a committee whose duty it Shall be to examine rebuild or repair Bridges within the Town, for the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

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Art 11 To See if the Town will suffer their Swine to run at large under the regulation of the law the year ensuing.

“ 12 To See if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

“ 13 To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

“ 14 To See what measures the Town will take respecting ringing the Bell for Town purposes or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding s^d meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord 1829.

David Boutelle	} Selectmen
Zachariah Sheldon	
Manassch Sawyer	
	of
	Fitchburg

Woreeafter fs February 20, 1829 I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

True Copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and return thereon, the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of March 1829 The Meeting being opened

Art 1st Voted & Chose Capt Phillip F. Cowdin—Moderator

“ 2^d “ “ Jonas A. Marshall—Town Clerk

“ “ “ Joseph Simonds—Town Treasurer

Voted to chose three Selectmen

Chose Capt Zachariah Sheldon	} Selectmen
Deac Abel Downe and	
Capt Levi Pratt	
Zachariah Sheldon	} Afsefsors
Abel Downe	
Levi Pratt	

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Chose Capt Joshua Goodridge	Levi Downe	} Highway Surveyors
Samuel Ward Harris	Simeon Gibson	
Arba Reed	Levi Kendal	
Ivers Phillips	Moses Mosman	
Samuel Carter	Samuel Shattuck	
Josiah Caswell	Deac Jacob Jaquith	
Daniel Kinsman	“ Enoch Caldwell	
John Whitcomb	James Harris	
Deac Abel Farwell	Josiah B. Willard	
Joseph Oakman	Isaiah Putnam	

Chose Joseph Hovey & Benjamin Fuller—Cullers of Hoops and Staves

Chose Abel Bruce	} Fence Viewers
Benj Wheeler	
Edward Smith	
John Harris	

Chose Josiah Sheldon	} Surveyors of Lumber
Ephm Osborn Jr	
Joseph Townshend	
Hosea Procter	
Zachariah Sheldon	

Asa Brown }
 Thomas Eaton }
 Daniel Kinsman }
 Amos Wheeler }

For Field Drivers

Chose Genrl Ivers Jewett }
 Capt Amos Durant }
 Capt Alpheus Kimball }
 Abial J. Towne } Firewards
 Capt Robert Sampson }
 Jonas A. Marshall }
 Capt Olaver Fox }
 Chedorlaomer Marshall }

Chose George Wood Pound Keeper

Voted that each School District shall choose their prudential committee

Chose Stephen Dole	Phinehas Crocker	} Hog Reeves
Jonathan Farnsworth	Samuel Shattuck	
John Stickney	Charles Tolman	
Moses Mosman	Jonathan Burrage	
Ivers Phillips	Josiah S. Skinner	
Joseph Chase	Samuel Carter	
Abijah Hartwell	Amos Wheeler	

Chose Joseph Downe }
 Phillip F. Cowdin } Tything
 Moses Hale } Men
 Elijah Felt }

Revn Calvin Lincoln }
 Revn Rufus A. Putnam }
 Ivers Jewett }
 David Brigham } School
 Ebenezer Torrey } Committee
 Abel Fox }
 J. A. Marshall }

Art 3 \$1200. Voted to raise Twelve Hundred Dollars to repair Highways & Bridges the year ensuing to be laid out as last year

Art 4 \$1100. Voted to Raise Eleven Hundred Dollars

for the Support of Schools the year ensuing to be laid out as last year

Art 5 Voted to pass the 5 article over for half an hour

Art 6 Voted to chose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ensuing

Committee Chose Capt Olover Fox, Benj Snow and Jonas Marshall Committee

Article 7 Voted to hear the report of the committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the Past year= Committee reported.

Voted to accept the Committee's report which follows

[551] Committees Report

Fitchburg February 28, 1829

The Subscribers, a committee chosen by the inhabitants of said Town at their annual meeting in March last past for the purpose of settling with their Treasurer—and inspecting the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors—offer the following report—Viz

Treasurer	Dr	
To ballance due the Town at the last settlement		\$132.99
“ Cash paid for conditional exemption from Military duty		8.00
“ Cash paid by Deac Abel Downe on his Collection for the year 1827,		974.20
“ Cash paid by Benj Snow on his Collection for the year 1828		1228.—
“ Cash Recd of the Selectmen for providing for paupers of other Towns Viz. of the Town of Harvard on account of Lydia Wetherbee \$3.50 of Stow on account of Samuel Brown 3.50 of Lunenburg on account of Mrs Bancroft 5.71 of Ashby on account the family of Abr ^m Patch 12.00		24.71
“ Cash Recd of the Selectmen being a licence fee from a Show company		5.00
“ Cash hired the year past—of Jabez Farbanks 112.00 of Nancy Andrews 65.00 of Cal-		

vin Willard Esqr 500.00 of Moses Hale	
300.00 of Justin Stearns 100.00 of Caleb	
Perry 400.00 of Doct Fox 100.00 . . .	1577.00
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	3949.90
Treasurer Cr	
By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Se-	
lectmen	2217.72
“ paying a Note to Capt Olaver Fox 956.37	
paying two notes to Benj ^a Snow 171.16	
paying a note to Francis Perkins 214.00	
paying a note to Elijah C. Farwell 110.64	
Total	1452.17
“ paying interest to Caleb Perry 120.30 pay-	
ing Interest to Capt O. Fox 54.13 To	
Moses Hale 39.13 Levi Farwell 6.00 Jon ^a	
Lowe 3.00 paying Interest on short loans	
2.34 Total	224.90
“ his services as Treasurer the year past includ-	
ing time spent hireing cash and making	
payments	15.00
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	3909.79
Leaving a ballance due the Town from their	
Treasurer of	40.11
We find due the Town from Deacon Abel Downe	
on 1827 Tax Bill	49.00
Due the Town from Benj ^a Snow on 1828 Tax	
Bill	1795.08
We also find due the Town from Capt Joshua	
Goodridge on Interest after the 25 th of July	
next	150.00
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	2034.19
We find due from the town to the following	
named persons being the principal of their	
several notes	5277.00
Viz. To Caleb Perry 2400. To Moses Hale 950.	
To Calvin Willard 500. Levi Farwell 100.	
Jabez Fairbanks 112. Olaver Fox 900. Jus-	

tin Stearnes 100. Dr Abel Fox 100. Jona Lowe 50. Nancy Andrews 65	
Interest now due on the above described notes	261.00
Due the several School Districts	691.18
Due the Select-men and Afsefsors for their ser- vices the year past—Viz. To Zachariah Shel- don 12.50 To M. Sawyer 28.31 To David Boutelle for service and order given for the same 31.50	40.81
Out Standing Orders	70.97
Due Maj Ordway as Overseer of the Town farm about	45.00
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	\$6385.96

Leaving a ballance against the town of \$4351.77

	Jonas Marshall	} Committee
	Benja ^a Snow	
	I. Jewett	
	Joseph Simonds	Treasurer
A True Copy	Attest	J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Article 8. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with some person to suprintend the work-house with its inmates as specified in Article 8th in the warrant

Article 5. took up \$3500. Voted to raise Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to defray their necessary Town charges

Article 9. Voted to chose a committee to lay before the Town the amount of expenses incurred in the support of the poor the past year

Chose Joseph Downe, Isaiah Putnam & Ivers Jewett Committee

Art 10. Voted to chose a committee to examine, re-build or repair Bridges within the town for the year ensuing

Chose the Selectmen

Article 11. Voted To pafs over the eleventh Article

Article 12. Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 13. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town—the year ensuing

Article 14. Voted that Article 14. be refered to the Selectmen

Collectorship \$1.24 for \$100. Voted to let out the collection of Taxes—which being set up by the Moderator was struck off to Deacon Abel Downe at one Dollar twenty four cts on the one Hundred Dollars

Bondsmen Voted to accept Joseph Downe & Samuel Houghton as Bondsmen for Deacon Abel Downe as Collector

Collector Voted and chose Deacon Abel Downe Collector

Voted to chose two constables for the year ensuing.

Constables Chose Abel Downe & Alpheus Kimball Constables

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 1. o'clock P M.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Oaths March 7. 1829 Personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and took the oath of Clerk for the town of Fitchburg. before me Joseph Downe Justice of the Peace

A True copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The following persons were qualified to perform the duties of their respective offices by taking the oath of office as the law directs at the dates set before their names

March 21 Joseph Simonds Treasurer April 6 Zachariah Sheldon & Levi Pratt Selectmen May 4 Sworn as Assesfors Abel. Down Sworn March 9 as Selectmen, Assessor, Collector & Constable—Highway Surveyors Sworn March 9 Samuel Carter—Samuel Shattuck May 5 Ivers Phillips 26 Daniel Kinsman March 5 John Whitcomb Abel Farwell March 10 Simeon Gibson, Levi Kendal March 25. Isaiiah Putnam April 6 Josiah B. Willard—March 10 Abel Bruce Sworn as Fence Viewer May 4. Edward Smith Fence Viewer. Asa Brown Sworn March 28 as Field Driver—Hogreeves Sworn March 2^d Stephen Dole Jona-

than Farnsworth, John Stickney, Ivers Phillips, Joseph Chase, Abijah Hartwell Phineas Crocker, Charles Tolman, March 7 Jonathan Burrage Josiah Skinner March 9 Samuel Shattuck Samuel Carter (before me Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[553] 1829 Adjournment of March Meeting

April 6th The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met according to adjournment. The meeting was opened by reading the act to prevent profane cursing and swearing and the Riot Act

The Committee chosen to lay before the Town the amount of expenses incurred in the support of the poor the past year Reported=

Voted to accept their report.

Voted to disolve the meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant For April Meeting 1829.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-
Seal chusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn
Seal the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified
Seal by law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the first Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the sixth of April next at two of the clock in the afternoon.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Given under our hands and Seals this Sixteenth day of March 1829.

Zachariah Sheldon	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel Downe	
Levi Pratt	

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before said hour of meeting to said Selectmen

Worcester fs I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed March 20th 1829

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

A True copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[554] 1829 April Meeting

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday April 6 AD 1829 The meeting being opened Votes were given in as follows

For Governor	His Excellency Levi Lincoln	had	40.	Votes
	Hon Marcus Morton	"	59.	"
	Hon Samuel C. Allen	"	19.	"

For Lt Governor

	His Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	"	64.	"
	Hon Nathan Willis	"	48.	"

For Senators	Hon John W. Lincoln . . .	"	59.	"
	" Lewis Bigelow . . .	"	58.	"
	William S. Hastings Esqr	"	58	"
	David Wilder	"	60	"
	Samuel Mixter	"	61	"
	Daniel Thurber	"	37	"
	Joseph Thayer	"	36	"
	John Spurr	"	36	"
	Isaac Davis	"	34	"
	Josiah How	"	36	"
	Benjamin Adams . . .	"	3	"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Seal you are hereby directed to notify and warn
Seal the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified
to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at
the Second Parish Meeting-house in Said Town of Fitch-

burg on Monday the fourth day of May next at two o'clock in the after-noon

Article 1st To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose the year ensuing.

Article 2^d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Article 3^d To choose a moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town business.

Article 4th To See if the Town will appropriate Sum or Sums of money for the completion of the road near Arrington Gibsons or act any thing respecting completing or repairing [555] or caling upon those persons who gave bonds for that purpose the Town may deem proper.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant upon the inhabitants of Fitchburg by posting up a copy on each of the meeting-houses in Said Town. Hereof fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings unto the Clerk of Said Town on or before Said hour of meeting. Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of April A.D. 1829.

Zachariah Sheldon	} Select-men of Fitchburg
Abel Downe	
Levi Pratt	

Worcester fs Apl. 20th 1829 I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Copy

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

May 4, 1829 Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the Second parish meeting-house The meeting being opened

Article 1. Voted to choose two Representatives the present year and that they be on one ticket

" 2^d

For 1st Rep Chose Isaiah Putnam who had 203. Votes
Payson Williams " 93. "

" 2^d " Chose Olover Fox " 107. "

" 3 Voted & chose Zacheriah Sheldon Moderator

4 Voted the Selectmen call upon those persons—

who gave bonds to complete the road—neer Arrington Gibsons—to fulfill the conditions of Said bond

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[556] 1829. Warrant For Town Meeting Sept 7th 1829

Worcester fs Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.

Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth You are
(Seal.) hereby directed to notify and warn the freeholders
(Seal.) and other Inhabitants as are qualified by Law in
(Seal.) Said Town to vote in Town affairs to meet and
afsemble at the first parish meeting-house in Said Town
on Monday the Seventh day of September next at three
of the clock in the after-noon to act on the following
articles Viz.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Article 2^d To See if the Town will accept of any road or roads that are or may be laid out by their Selectmen

Article 3^d To See if the Town will coose an agent or agents to confer with the County Commissioners in Laying a road from Fitchburg to Lunenburg or act any thing thereon.

Article 4th To See if the Town will fence their Burying-Ground neer Jonathan Burages Shop.

Article 5th To See if the Town will authoriz their committee to pay the remainder of the expense of the Town well & pump or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & Seals this 26. day of August A. D. 1829.

Zachariah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Downe } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs August 27th 1829. I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet and assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Copy

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town meeting Sept 7th 1829.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the first parish meeting-house on Monday September 7th 1829 for the purposes above mentioned.

Article 1. Chose Payson Williams Esqr Moderator

Article 2^d Voted to accept the road praid for by Cyrus Thurston and Peter Farwell as laid out by the Selectmen as by their report which follows—

Report C. Thurston & P. Farwell's Road.

Gentlemen Your Selectmen having ben requested by Cyrus Thurston & Peter Farwell to lay a road from their house to meet a road near Samuel Hawes' have attended to that duty, beginning at the East end of their barn thence South 20° West 14. Rods 22. Links through their land Thence South 20° West 28 Rods

[557] Report Continued

through David Lows land. Thence South 20° West 12 Rods Thence South 17° West 11. Rods. Thence South 13½° West 15½ Rods Thence South 11° West 17 Rods making 55½ Rods Through James L. Hayns' land. Bounds on West side of said road.

Art 3 Ageants 3. Voted to choose three Ageants to confer with the county commissioners in laying out a road from Fitchburg to Lunenburg.

Chosen Chose Payson Williams Esqr. Joseph Down Esqr & Capt Joshua Goodridge Ageants.

Article 4 Voted the Selectmen be authorized to fence the burying ground near Jonathan Burrages Shop (provided they have a title to the same) with such materials as they may think proper

Article 5 Voted to pass over the 5th article.

Voted to disolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant For Town Meeting Oct 31, 1829.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said county. Greeting.

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-
 Seal chusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn
 Seal the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to
 vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at the
 second parish meeting-house on Saturdáy the thirty first
 day of October instant at two of the clock in the after
 noon to act on the following articles Viz.

Article 1st To choose a moderator to govern said
 meeting.

Art 2^d To See if the Town will choose a committee
 to let out and superintend the making and accept of a
 road which is located from said Fitchburg to town of
 Lunenburg by the county commissioners or act any thing
 thereon.

Article 3^d To see if the Town will accept of any road
 or roads which may be laid before the town, and laid out
 by their Select-men before the day of said meeting or act
 anything thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon unto the clerk of said Town on or
 before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day
 of October A.D. 1829.

Zacheriah Sheldon	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Levi Pratt	
Abel Downe	

Worcester fs Oct 28th 1829. I have notified the In-
 habitants of Fitchburg as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Copy Attest

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[558] Town meeting Oct 31, 1829.

Fitchburg October 31, 1829. Pursuant to the forego-
 ing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg
 afsembled at the Time and place and for the purposes
 within mentioned

The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant.

Article 1st Moderator Voted and chose Payson Wil-
 liams Esqr Moderator.

Article 2^d Voted to choose a Committee of three to

let out and superintend the making of the road, which is located by the County Commisfioners from Fitchburg to Lunenburg, to the acceptance of said Commisfioners.

Voted to choose the above committee by balot on one ticket.

Committee Chose Nathaniel Wood	} Committee.
Levi Farwell	
Capt Zacheriah Sheldon	

Art. 3 Capt Pratt's Road. Voted to accept the road laid out by the Select-men on the 7th of September 1829 from Capt Levi Pratts to the new County road to Ashburnham on condition the road is made free of expense to the town—excepting that the town pay the damage to Dr Abel Fox of forty Dollars in pasing through his land.

Survey. Survey of Capt L. Pratts road

North 19½° East. 87. Rods	} Through land of Capt Levi Pratt 177. Rods.
N — 14 — E. 20. Rods	
N — 6 — E. 18 Rods	
N — 16 — West 25½ Rods	
N — 7 — W. Rods	

North 21. — E. 45— Rods 15 Links	} Through land of Doct Abel Fox.

Voted to adjourn the Meeting Sine Die.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Perambulation of Town Lines

Ashby. We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line between the Towns of Fitchburg and Ashby and renewed the bounds according to Law.

Nov 9. 1829	Stephen Wyman	} Selectmen of Ashby
	Abr. Haskell Jr	
	Abel Downe	} Selectman of Fitchburg
	Samuel Gibson Agent	

Ashburnham We the Subscribers Selectmen of Town of Fitchburg and Ashburnham certify that we this day met and run the lines and renewed the bounds acording to a Law of this Commonwealth

Ashburnham Nov 7th 1829

Asahel Corey One of the Selectmen of Ashburnham.

Abel Downe One of the Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[559] Westminster. We the subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Westminster have perambulated run and renewed the bounds between said Towns of Fitchburg and Westminster and have erected monuments as the law requires November 3. 1829

Abel Downe \ Selectmen Edwardd Bacon \ Selectmen of
 Levi Pratt / of Fitchburg James Puffer / Westminster

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Lunenburg We the Subscribers Selectmen of Lunenburg & Fitchburg have this thirtieth day of October A. D. 1829. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Lunenburg it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating & running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns & having attended that service, make report as follows (viz) Beginning at the North East corner of Fitchburg being a corner of Lunenburg & Ashby at a Stone monument — thence S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W about 480 Rods to a road near Deac. Thurston's, where we have erected a stone monument — thence S. $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. about 240 Rods to a road near S. Hilton's, where we have erected a Stone monument — thence S. about 12° W. 752. rods to the old cellar (so called) where we have erected a stone monument — thence S. about $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 200 rods to Leominster corner where we have erected a Stone monument.

Cyrus Kilburn \ Selectmen of
 Timothy Snow / Lunenburg.

Abel Downe Selectman of Fitchburg.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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